

or county in which such child resides are in session, unless it can be shown that the child is elsewhere receiving regularly thorough instruction during said period in the studies usually taught in the said public schools to children of the same age; provided, that the superintendent or principal of any school, or person or persons duly authorized by such superintendent or principal, may excuse cases of necessary absence among its enrolled pupils; and provided further, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to a child whose mental or physical condition is such as to render its instruction, as above described, inexpedient or impracticable. Every person having under his control a child between eight and twelve years of age shall cause such child to attend school or receive instruction as required by this section. Children over twelve years of age and under the age of sixteen years, and every person having under his control such a child shall be subject to the requirements of this section, unless such children are regularly and lawfully employed to labor at home or elsewhere.

See sec. 167.

As to the employment of children under twelve years of age, see art 100, sec. 4.

1904, art. 77, sec. 152. 1902, ch. 269, sec. 125.

154. Any person who has a child under his control and who fails to comply with any of the provisions of the preceding section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be fined not exceeding five dollars for each offense.

Ibid. sec. 153. 1902, ch. 269, sec. 126.

155. Any person who induces or attempts to induce any child to absent himself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors while school is in session any child absent unlawfully from school, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be fined not more than fifty dollars.

Ibid. sec. 154. 1902, ch. 269, sec. 127.

156. The board of school commissioners of Baltimore city and the board of school commissioners for Allegany county shall appoint, and may remove at pleasure, persons to be known as "Attendance Officers." The number to be appointed for the city of Baltimore shall not exceed twelve, and the number for said county shall not exceed three. Their compensation shall be fixed and paid by the county commissioners of Allegany county, or the mayor and city council of Baltimore city, as the case may be.

Ibid. sec. 155. 1902, ch. 269, sec. 128.

157. It shall be the duty of each attendance officer, and he shall have full power, within the city or county for which he may be appointed, to arrest without warrant any child between eight and sixteen years of age found away from his home and who is a truant from school, or who fails to attend school in accordance with the provisions