

of this sub-title. He shall forthwith deliver a child so arrested either to the custody of a person in parental relation to the child or of the teacher from whose school such child is then a truant; but if the child be a habitual or incorrigible truant he shall bring him before a justice of the peace for commitment by him to a "parental school," as provided for in the next section, or to some other institution to which disorderly children may be committed. The attendance officer shall promptly report every such arrest and the disposition made by him of the child so arrested to the school commissioners of the said city or county, respectively, or to such person or persons as they may direct.

1904, art. 77, sec. 156. 1902, ch. 269, sec. 129. 1908, ch. 241.

158. The mayor and city council of Baltimore, and the county commissioners of Allegany county may establish schools to be known as parental schools for children between eight and sixteen years of age, who are habitually truants from school, or from instruction. They may also provide for the confinement, maintenance and instruction of such children in such schools for such period and under such rules and regulations as they may prescribe. Justices of the peace may commit such children to such parental schools, but no person convicted of any crime, or of any offense other than truancy, shall be committed thereto.

Ibid. sec. 157. 1902, ch. 269, sec. 130.

159. It shall be the duty of the police commissioners of Baltimore city, at the same time that the census of legal voters in said city is taken under their direction, as provided by section 18 of article 33 of the annotated code of public civil laws, also to cause to be made by the members of the force under their control, annually, a separate record of the full name, age, color and sex of every child between six and sixteen years of age in each precinct of the said city, and the place where and the year and month when such children last attended school, together with the name and address of the parents, guardians or persons in parental relation, and of employers of such children, which record shall be furnished by said police commissioners to the board of school commissioners of Baltimore city. Whosoever has under his control a child between said ages and withholds information in his possession from any officer demanding it relating to the items aforesaid, or makes any false statement in regard to the same, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be fined not more than twenty dollars.

Ibid. sec. 158. 1902, ch. 269, sec. 131.

160. It shall be the duty of the principal or head teacher of every public or private school in Allegany county and Baltimore city to report immediately to the school commissioners of said county, or of Baltimore city if located therein, or to an attendance officer or other official designated by such commissioners, the names of all children enrolled in his or her school who have been absent or irregular in attendance three days, or their equivalent, without lawful excuse, within a period of eight consecutive weeks.