

1916, ch. 326, sec. 8.

54. If upon hearing and investigation, the Circuit Court of any of the several Counties, sitting in Juvenile Causes, shall find any male child under twenty years of age, or any female child under the age of eighteen, to be dependent, neglected or delinquent within the meaning of this sub-title said Court may allow such child to remain at its home, subject to the supervision of the probation officer, and may require such child to report to said Court or probation officer at such times as said Court shall order. Or if said Court shall then or thereafter find the parent, parents, guardian or custodian of such child an unfit or improper person or persons, or unable or unwilling to care for, protect, train, educate or discipline such child, and shall further find it to be to the interest of such child or the people of said County that such child be taken from the custody of such parent, parents, guardian or custodian, said Court may pass an order committing the child to the custody of some agency, or to some suitable institution, State or otherwise organized for the care of children, until it becomes twenty-one years of age; and said agency or institution may place such child in the home of some suitable family. Said Court, however, shall retain the right to remove such child from such family, home, agency, or institution, for such reasons as the Court may determine sufficient.

1916, ch. 326, sec. 9.

55. Whenever any such child is so committed to an agency or institution, and the said child is placed, by such agency or institution, in a family home, as hereinbefore authorized, it shall be the duty of such agency or institution to cause one of its responsible representatives to visit such child at least once in every three months, unless otherwise ordered by said Court, and to report to said Court the condition and progress of such child; and such guardian shall exercise proper care for the schooling and training of such child, and make report to said Court as often as directed by the order of appointment; and if any child so placed in a home or institution, or in any custody whatsoever, shall leave or quit the same before attaining adult age, and without leave of said Court, he or she shall be apprehended and brought before said Court, and said Court shall award the custody of said child as said Court shall determine to be best for the interest of said child and the community. All orders of the Court shall be noted fully in the docket provided for by this sub-title, and the originals carefully preserved in the Clerk's Office, and a duplicate copy made and presented to the custodian so appointed.

1916, ch. 326, sec. 10.

56. In any proceeding begun by petition under this sub-title, wherein the parent or parents or other person charged by law with the support of any dependent, neglected or delinquent child shall be made defendant or defendants, the said Court shall have full power and