

school or schools either in Baltimore City or in one or more counties of the State. Two or more boards of school commissioners of adjoining counties may in their discretion jointly establish a parental school or schools for the joint use of the said counties, and said school or schools may be established in any one of the said counties so jointly acting. The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the several boards of school commissioners for the counties may also provide for the confinement, maintenance and instruction of such habitually truant children in the schools respectively established by them as aforesaid, for such period and under such rules and regulations as they may have respectively prescribed. The magistrate for juvenile causes or justice of the peace having jurisdiction may commit such habitually truant children to any of the parental schools for the city or county in which such children may reside, but no person convicted of any crime or any offense other than truancy shall be committed to any of such schools.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 227. 1912, sec. 159. 1904, sec. 157. 1902, ch. 269, sec. 130.
1912, ch. 173. 1914, ch. 90. 1922, ch. 474, sec. 159. 1929, ch. 152,
sec. 227. 1931, ch. 159, sec. 227.

219. It shall be the duty of the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City, between the tenth and thirtieth day of November in each year, to cause a census, as nearly as possible accurate, to be made by members of the force under his command, of every child from five to eighteen years of age, inclusive, resident in said city. The Police Commissioner shall, for the purpose of taking said census, divide the city into such posts, districts, or other subdivisions as he shall determine. The said census shall give the full name, address, age, color, sex and place of birth of each child, whether or not such child is handicapped, the school attended, or if not at school, his employment or that he is not employed, and the place of birth of each parent of said child, and the full and complete records of said census shall be furnished by said Police Commissioner to the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City on or before the tenth day of December in each and every year. Whosoever has under his control a child between said ages and withholds the 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.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 228. 1912, sec. 160. 1904, sec. 158. 1902, ch. 269, sec. 131.
1912, ch. 173, sec. 131.

220. It shall be the duty of the principal or head teacher of every public or private school in this State to report immediately to the school commissioners of the county where such school is located, 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.

Cited in *Board of Education v. Wheat*, 174 Md. 320.

Secs. 213-222 cited in concurring opinion in *Board of Education v. Wheat*, 174 Md. 324.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 229. 1912, sec. 166. 1904, sec. 164. 1902, ch. 269, sec. 137.
1912, ch. 173, sec. 137.

221. Attendance officers may visit all establishments where minors are employed in their several cities and counties, and ascertain whether