

of the master or mistress of such apprentice, that he, or she, shall give such apprentice reasonable education in reading, writing, and arithmetic, to be particularized therein; and also teach such apprentice, especially if a male, some useful art or trade; and, in all cases, supply suitable clothing and maintenance.

Id s 16
1793, c 45, s 6,
1794, c 47, s 1,
1808, c 54,
1826, c 155, s 2
When justices
may bind

Contract to be
approved by
court and re-
corded

Id s 17
1793, c 45, s 5
Trustees of the
poor, in county,
may bind out
orphan or chil-
dren in poor-
house

Id s 18
1793, c 45, s 5
Trustees to
lodge indenture
with register of
wills

Penalty for
neglect

Id s 19.
1793, c 45, s 6,
1808, c 54
Trustees of the
poor, in recess
of Orphans'
Court, may bind
out children of
paupers or
vagrants

Contract to be
approved by
court and re-
corded.

Id s 20
1793, c 45, s 4,
1793, c 57, s 20,
1849, c 341
Father may
bind child.

16. Any two justices of the peace of such county may bind out as an apprentice any child which the said court may bind, upon the terms, and for the time, and subject to the regulations and restrictions hereinbefore mentioned, and they may issue their citation to the sheriff or constable to bring such child before them; *provided*, the contract of apprenticeship so made shall, within two months thereafter, be approved by the said Orphans' Court by an indorsement thereon, and be recorded among the records of the said court.

17. The trustees of the poor in any county, or any three of them, or any officers in any county acting as trustees of the poor, may bind out any orphan or other poor child, under their care in the poor-house of said county, to any discreet person applying therefor, always giving preference to tradesmen and mechanics, and requiring said applicants to sign a good and sufficient indenture to learn said apprentice the occupation that he follows, and to find him in good and sufficient clothing, meat, drink, washing, and lodging, and give him education as hereinbefore required to be given to apprentices bound by the Orphans' Court

18. Every indenture taken under the preceding section shall be lodged with the register of wills of the county where the same is taken, by any one of the trustees of the poor of said county, within thirty days after the execution thereof, under the penalty of ten dollars for every neglect, to be recovered by presentment in the Circuit Court for the county where such child is bound, and applied to the use of said county; and the said register shall receive and record said indenture in the same manner as indentures taken by the Orphans' Court.

19. The trustees of the poor in any county may also, in the recess of the Orphans' Court, upon information, issue their citation to the sheriff, or any constable of the county, to cause to be brought before them the child or children of any pauper or vagrant, and bind them out as apprentices for the time and upon the terms hereinbefore prescribed, *provided*, the contract of apprenticeship shall, within two months thereafter, be approved by the said Orphans' Court, by indorsement thereon, as aforesaid, and recorded among the records of the said Orphans' Court

20. Any father may bind out his child as an apprentice on reasonable terms, for any time not longer than the full age of such child—that is to say, boys till twenty-one, and girls till eighteen years of age; and the terms of such apprenticeship, with the age of the apprentice, shall be contained in an indenture under the hand and seal of the father and master; and the said indenture shall be lodged by the said master with the register of wills of the