

shall be convicted in any of the courts of this State of any offense, or of vagrancy, the judge of said court, in his discretion, and with reference to the character of the industrial home for colored girls as a place of reform, and not of punishment, may order the minor so convicted to be removed to and confined in the said industrial home for colored girls.

1888, art. 27, sec 380. 1882, ch. 291, sec. 7.

539. The board of managers shall have power to bind out girls committed to their care as apprentices until they reach the age of eighteen years to such persons and places, whether in or out of this State, and to learn such proper trades or employments as in the judgment of the said managers will be most conducive to their reformation and advantage; and the indentures by which said children shall be bound shall contain the covenants, and shall be recorded as prescribed by this code; and all the provisions of the code in relation to white apprentices shall apply to apprentices bound under this section.

Ibid. sec. 381. 1882, ch. 291, sec. 8.

540. The manner of receiving inmates into the industrial home for colored girls shall be in either of the following modes, namely: First. Colored girls under the age of eighteen may be committed by a justice of the peace for the city of Baltimore or any of the counties of this State on complaint and due proof made to him by the parent, guardian or next friend of such girl that, by reason of incorrigible or vicious conduct, such minor has rendered her control beyond the power of such parent, guardian or next friend, and made it manifestly requisite that from regard for the morals and future welfare of such minor and the peace and order of society, she should be placed under the guardianship of the industrial home for colored girls. Second. Colored girls under the age of eighteen years may be committed by the authority aforesaid when complaint and due proof shall have been made that such minor is a proper subject for the guardianship of the industrial home for colored girls in consequence of vagrancy or of incorrigible or vicious conduct and that from the moral depravity or otherwise of the parent, guardian or next friend, in whose custody such minor may be, such parent, guardian or next friend is unable or unwilling to exercise the proper care and discipline over such incorrigible or vicious minor. Third. Such colored girls under the age of eighteen years as their