

## CHAPTER 262.

AN ACT to prohibit the receiving and detaining of children in Alms Houses and Poor Houses in the State, and to provide for the care and education of such children.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall not be lawful for the Trustees of the Poor of the city of Baltimore, or the Commissioners or Trustees of the Poor of any of the counties of the State, to receive into or retain in any Alms House or Poor House, any child between three and sixteen years of age for a longer period than ninety days, unless such child be an unteachable idiot, an epileptic, or a paralytic, or otherwise so disabled or deformed as to render it incapable of labor or service.

Prohibition.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Poor of the city of Baltimore, and the County Commissioners and Trustees of the Poor of the counties of this State, to place all pauper children who are in their charge and named in the first section of this act, in some respectable family in the State, or in some Educational Institution or Home for Children, and of said Trustees of the Poor of Baltimore city, and of the counties of the State, or an agent or agents to be appointed by them for the purpose, to visit such children not less than once in every six months, and make all needful inquiries as to their treatment and welfare, and shall report to the Board of Trustees making such disposition of children as specified in the first section of this act.

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SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from July the first, eighteen hundred and eighty-six.

Effective.

Approved April 7, 1886.