

Chapter 426.

AN ACT to repeal section one of chapter sixty-four of the acts of eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An act to authorize the Nursery and Child's Hospital, of Baltimore city, to bind out and control the destitute children under its care," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

Repealed and
re-enacted.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Nursery and Child's Hospital, of Baltimore city, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of this state, be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to receive into its care, custody and control all such foundlings, orphans and other destitute children under the age of four years as shall be committed by instruments of writing, under the hand of the party so committing to its keeping, by the father, mother, guardian or others having the right of disposition, or by any orphans' court or justice of the peace of this state, if of the class of children whom such court or justice could lawfully bind out as apprentices, which commitment to the said Nursery and Child's Hospital, of Baltimore city, such orphans' court and justice of the peace are empowered to make; and the said Nursery and Child's Hospital, of Baltimore city, is further authorized to retain under its care, charge and restraint, each of such foundlings and infant children so committed to its keeping until he or she shall have attained the full age of fourteen years, or for any shorter period, and at or before said age to bind out any and every one of the said foundlings and infants for a term of time not exceeding the age of twenty-one years if the child be a male, or eighteen years if the child be a female, as an apprentice to learn any trade or business suitable to the sex of such child or to learn to be useful in housewifery, or to place them out for adoption, or as inmates with any families or persons, or transfer them to the custody, charge, care and training of any corporate or other home asylum or other