

lations as they may prescribe. Justices of the peace may commit such children to such parental schools, but no person convicted of any crime, or of any offense other than truancy, shall be committed thereto.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 31, 1908.

CHAPTER 599.

AN ACT to add two new sections to article 77 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Public Education," to follow immediately after section 188, and to be known and numbered as sections 189 and 190.

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has for many years appropriated large sums of money for the free education of colored children, with a view to improving the condition of the State by fitting them for the work and responsibilities of citizens; and

WHEREAS, This endeavor of the State has not met with entire success, largely because of the inability of the school authorities of the State to secure the services of a sufficient number of trained and competent colored teachers; and

WHEREAS, The Baltimore Normal School (a body corporate) has for many years conducted a school for the training of colored teachers in the city of Baltimore, having many students, the necessary teachers, and owning a fair equipment, as well as a building in fee at the northwest corner of Saratoga and St. Paul streets in the city of Baltimore, and Baltimore city stock, worth in all more than \$20,000, all of which the said Baltimore Normal School has formally offered to donate to the State, to be used by the State Board of Education as a training school for the purpose of maintaining under State authority, as a part of the school system, a permanent Normal school for the education of colored teachers; and

WHEREAS, It is wise and expedient that the State avail of the offer of the Baltimore Normal School, and establish and maintain a Normal school for colored teachers, to the end that the colored schools may be supplied with teachers who are fitted for the responsible duties entrusted to them; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That two new sections be added to article 77 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Public Education,"