

as to render its instruction as above described inexpedient or impracticable. Every person having under his control a child between seven and fourteen year of age shall cause such child to attend school or receive instruction as required by this section children over fourteen years of age and under the age of sixteen years; and every person having under his control such a child shall be subject to the requirements of this section, unless children are regularly and lawfully employed to labor at home or elsewhere.

157. It shall be the duty of each attendance officer, and said officer shall have full power, within the city or county for which he or she may be appointed, to arrest without warrant any child between seven and sixteen years of age found away from his home, and who is a truant from school, or who fails to attend school in accordance with the provisions of this sub-title. The said officer shall forthwith deliver a child so arrested either to the custody of a person in parental relation to the child or to the teacher from whose school such a child is then a truant; but if a child be a habitual or incorrigible truant he shall bring him before the Magistrate for juvenile causes, or in a county where such Court does not exist, before a justice of the peace having jurisdiction, who may commit him to a parental school, as provided for in the next section or to some other suitable institution for children located in the State of Maryland; where no persons convicted of any crime of any offense other than truancy shall or may be confined; provided, however, that such justice may in his discretion parole such child instead of committing him as aforesaid. The attendance officer shall promptly report every such arrest to the school commissioners of the said city or county, respectively, or to such person or persons as they may direct.

158. The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the several boards of school commissioners for the counties may establish schools to be known as parental schools for children between seven and sixteen years of age, who are habitual truants from school or from instruction; the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may in its discretion establish such school or schools either in Baltimore City or in one or more counties of the State. Two or more boards of school commissioners of adjoining counties may in their discretion jointly establish a parental school or schools for the joint use of the said counties, and said school or schools may be established in any one of the