

said supervisors to make certain contracts with child placing agencies.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 107 of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1927 and 1930 Editions), title "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Supervisors of City Charities," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

107. The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, through the said supervisors, shall have care and supervision over such children as shall be committed to or placed in those institutions or child placing agencies, with which the city may have contracted and as shall have been duly accepted by said supervisors as proper charges on the city. Said supervisors shall have power to remove any child from any such institution or child placing agency to which he or she has been committed or placed, and to place said child in any other such institution or child placing agency, when it is apparent to the supervisors that from improper treatment or for other good cause, the welfare of the child requires such removal. No such child shall be discharged from the institution or child placing agency to which he or she shall have been committed or placed (unless by direction of a court of competent jurisdiction), or be transferred to any other institution, or to the care of any individual without the approval and consent of the said supervisors. It shall be the duty of the supervisors, as far as is practicable, to place all destitute or neglected children who are under their care or in their charge, in some institution or child placing agency or home for children, or without payment of board in some respectable family in the State of Maryland, and to have the children visited and their circumstances carefully examined at least once in every six months by one of the supervisors or by a skilled agent or agents appointed by them for the purpose. On the preliminary question of the commitment of any destitute or neglected child, said supervisors, or their agent, shall be summoned by the committing officer and heard as to whether the parent or guardian of the child to be committed is entitled to the aid of the city, and if on return of the summons of the said supervisors, or their agent, further time is required by them or him to make inquiry as to the pecuniary ability of said parent or guardian further time, not exceeding