

CHAP. 205. committed to their care, with the consent of such children, as apprentices, during their minority, that is to say: males until the age of twenty-one years, and the females until the age of eighteen years, to such persons and places, whether in or out of this State, and to learn such proper trades or employments as in the judgment of the said managers will be most conducive to the reformation and the future benefit and advantage of such children; and the indentures by which said children shall be bound shall contain the covenants, and shall be recorded as prescribed by article sixth of the Code, and all the provisions of the said article in relation to white apprentices shall apply to apprentices bound under this section.

Indentures.

Manner of receiving inmates.

SEC. 2. The manner of receiving inmates into the House of Refuge shall be in either of the following modes, namely: First, white minors may be committed by a justice of the peace for any of the counties or the city of Baltimore, on complaint, and due proof made to him by the parent, guardian, or next friend of such minor, that by reason of incorrigible or vicious conduct such minor has rendered his or her control beyond the power of such parent, guardian, or next friend, and made it manifestly requisite that from regard for the morals and future welfare of such minor and the peace and order of society, he or she should be placed under the guardianship of the House of Refuge; second, white minors may be committed by the authority aforesaid, when complaint and due proof have been made that such minor is a proper subject for the guardianship of the House of Refuge, in consequence of vagrancy or of incorrigible or vicious conduct, and that from the moral depravity or otherwise of the parent, guardian or next friend, in whose custody such minor may be, such parent, guardian or next friend is incapable or unwilling to exercise the proper care and discipline over such incorrigible or vicious minor; third, such children as their parents, guardians or friends may desire to place them therein for temporary restraint and discipline, and whose parents, guardians or friends shall agree and contract with the managers for their support and maintenance; and fourth, minors committed by the several courts of this State, as provided in this article, and the annual sum of ten thousand dollars, to commence on the tenth of

Appropriation.