

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall be deemed to provide an additional and alternative method for the doing of the things authorized hereby and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred by other laws, and shall not be regarded as in derogation of any powers now existing. This Act being necessary for the welfare of the inhabitants of Prince George's County, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect on the first day of June, 1963.

Approved April 30, 1963.

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CHAPTER 713

(House Bill 842)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 58 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Courts," subtitle "Juvenile Causes," amending the juvenile court law with particular reference to the power of a peace officer or probation officer in Prince George's County to take into custody any child who is reasonably believed to be a fugitive from his parents or justice or who is in certain surroundings.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 58 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Courts," subtitle "Juvenile Causes," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

58.

(a) Whenever a child is brought before the court the judge shall, unless in his opinion it is impracticable or inadvisable, release the child pending trial to the custody of the parent, guardian or custodian of such child. If not so released, such child shall be taken immediately to a place of detention designated by the judge. No such child shall be confined in any police station, prison, jail or lockup, unless in a room or ward entirely separate from adults, or be transported or detained in association with criminal, vicious or dissolute persons. Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed as forbidding any peace officer from immediately taking into custody any child who is found violating any law or ordinance. In every case the officer taking the child into custody shall immediately report the fact to the court and the case shall then be proceeded with as provided in this subtitle.

(b) *In Prince George's County in addition to the above* SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS IN PARAGRAPH (A) THEREIN OF THIS SECTION AS TO DETENTION, *any peace officer or probation officer shall have the authority to take into custody any child who is reasonably believed to be a fugitive from his parents or from justice, or whose surroundings are such as to endanger his health, morals, or safety unless immediate action is taken.*