

trustees of the poor of any of the counties of this State to receive into or retain in any county home any child between three and sixteen years of age for a longer period than ninety days, unless such child be an unteachable idiot, an epileptic, or a paralytic, or be otherwise so disabled or deformed as to render it incapable of labor or service.

3.

It shall be the duty of the county commissioners and trustees of the poor of the counties of this State to place all such pauper children who are in their charge in some respectable family in the State, or in some educational institution or home for children or under the care of some other child-caring agency or agencies which agency or agencies previously shall have been formally approved by the State Board of Public Welfare or to maintain them in their own homes, and it shall also be the duty of said trustees of the poor of the counties of the State, or an agent or agents to be appointed by them for the purpose, to visit such children not less than once in every six months and to make all needful inquiries as to their treatment and welfare, and to report to the board of trustees or county commissioners making such disposition of said children. The county commissioners and/or trustees of the poor shall place all such children with a family, institution or agency duly authorized as aforesaid, under the control of a person or persons of the same religious faith or persuasion as the said child; and the wish or request of the parent or guardian as to the place of commitment shall be respected unless good cause to the contrary be shown. The said county commissioners shall have power to place foundlings in any proper institution or agency qualified as aforesaid. The county commissioners of the respective counties of this State are hereby authorized to levy and collect such an amount as is in their opinion may be necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of this section.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

Approved April 8, 1980.

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CHAPTER 85

(House Bill 565)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland State Fair Board - Name Change

FOR the purpose of changing the name of the Maryland State Fair Board to the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board.

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