

ESTABLISHING A JUVENILE HOME IN FIRST CLASS CITIES

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AN ACT

To establish in cities of the first class a house of detention for delinquent, dependent and neglected children up to eighteen years of age, and providing for the management and the maintenance thereof.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. House of Detention for Juvenile Offenders.--In every city of the first class there shall be provided in the way hereinafter mentioned, a house of detention for the reception of untried juvenile offenders and dependent and neglected children up to the age of eighteen years who may be in the custody of an officer appointed or elected under any law of this Commonwealth, and whose cases may be under judicial investigation under any laws of this Commonwealth, pending such investigation and final determination of such case or cases.

Section 2. Management.--A house of detention established under the provisions of this act, shall be provided and managed by the city in which the house of detention is located.

(2 amended Dec. 7, 1982, P.L.839, No.232)

Section 3. Duties of the City.--The duties of a city of the first class shall be to provide a facility for the reception of children to be placed therein under the provisions of this act, to alter said facility for such purpose, to keep the same in repair, and generally to fit and furnish said facility so that the same may be suitable for the care of the children intended to be received, and especially to arrange such facility so that a separate room (so far as possible) may be provided for the accommodation of each child who may be received therein, and generally to supervise and oversee the management of said facility. A city of the first class shall, by ordinance, designate the department of the city under which said facility shall be managed, operated and controlled.

(3 amended Dec. 7, 1982, P.L.839, No.232)

Section 4. Payment of Expenses.--Any city of the first class in which such facility is located shall be responsible for the payment of the expenses incurred in the management, operation and control of such facility.

(4 amended Dec. 7, 1982, P.L.839, No.232)

Section 5. Appointment of Director; Compensation.--It shall be the duty of a city of the first class to establish the procedure and qualifications for the appointment to the position of director. The director shall take charge of the facility and children committed to such facility together with other adequate personnel, and generally to maintain order and discipline among the children so committed into their keeping. The salary or compensation to be paid to said director, and the personnel of such facility, shall be fixed by the city and paid by the city

in which such facility is located.

(5 amended Dec. 7, 1982, P.L.839, No.232)

Section 6. Alternative Placement of Delinquents.--It shall not be essential to commit a juvenile offender, a dependent or a neglected child to the house of detention established by this act, if in the judgment of the probation officer now or hereafter to be appointed under any present existing law or laws of this Commonwealth, it should be deemed expedient to otherwise dispose of said child.

Section 7. Payment of Costs of Maintenance and Construction.--The cost and expenses of construction and maintaining the houses of detention, by this act established, shall be provided by the city containing the said house of detention.

Section 8. Repeals.--The act, approved the second day of July, one thousand nine hundred one (Pamphlet Laws 601), entitled "An act to establish in cities of the first and second class a house or houses of detention for delinquent, dependent and neglected children, and providing for the management and maintenance thereof," insofar as it applied to cities of the first class, is hereby repealed.

All other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.