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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 865

S. P. 292

In Senate, January 30, 1963

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Campbell of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Revising Laws Relating to Juvenile Training Centers.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 152-A, § 27, amended. Section 27 of chapter 152-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 342 of the public laws of 1959, is amended by adding at the end, a new paragraph, as follows:

'The Superintendent of the Boys Training Center shall have assistant superintendents to be appointed by him, subject to the Personnel Law, who, when the office of superintendent is vacant, or the superintendent is absent from the center or unable to perform the duties of his office, shall have the powers, perform the duties and be subject to all the obligations and liabilities of the superintendent.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 152-A, § 29, amended. Section 29 of chapter 152-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 342 of the public laws of 1959, is amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 29. Commitment.** A boy between the ages of 11 and 17 may be committed to the Boys Training Center and a girl between the ages of 9 and 17 may be committed to the Stevens Training Center, pursuant to this chapter. All commitments of such children shall be for the term of their minority, unless sooner discharged by the superintendent; but no child shall be committed who is deaf ~~dumb~~ or a proper subject for the Augusta State Hospital, the Bangor State Hospital or the Pineland Hospital and Training Center.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 152-A, § 32, amended. The last sentence of section 32 of chapter 152-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 342 of the public laws of 1959, is amended to read as follows:

'It shall be the duty of the officers of the reformatory to receive any person so transferred and the remainder of the original commitment shall be executed at the reformatory, **except that in the event a child so transferred has, in the opinion of the superintendent of the reformatory and of the superintendent of the center, benefited from the program at the reformatory, to such an extent that return to the center would be in the best interest of the child and of the community, such child may be returned to the center. The reason for such return shall be certified by the recommending superintendents on the mittimus and certification of the return shall be made by the recommending superintendents to the Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections, giving their reasons therefor.**'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 152-A, § 33, amended. Section 33 of chapter 152-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 342 of the public laws of 1959, and as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 33. Discharge. The superintendent shall cause to be discharged all children committed to the center at the expiration of their minority and may ~~on consent of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections~~ discharge any child as rehabilitated during such child's term of commitment.'