

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventieth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 464

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND ONE.

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred and forty-two of the
Revised Statutes, relating to the Maine Industrial School
for Girls.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. Section twenty of chapter one hundred and
2 forty-two of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended, so that
3 said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 20. The board of trustees of said school shall have
5 all the powers as to the person, property, earnings and edu-
6 cation of every girl committed to the charge of said trus-
7 tees, during the term of her commitment, which a guardian
8 has as to his ward, and all powers which parents have over

9 their children. At the discretion of said board, any such
10 girl, during her commitment, may be kept at said school,
11 or intrusted to the care of any suitable person and may be
12 required to work for such person, or may be bound by deed
13 of indenture to service or apprenticeship for a period not
14 exceeding the term of her commitment, on such conditions
15 as said board may deem reasonable and proper. Such in-
16 denture shall specify the condition, and shall require the
17 person to whom such girl is bound to report to said board
18 as often as once in three months the conduct and behavior
19 of such girl, and whether she remains under such master
20 or mistress, and if not, where she is. Said trustees shall
21 take care that the terms of such indenture are fulfilled, and
22 the girl well treated, and if they believe that by reason of
23 her misconduct, vicious inclinations or surroundings, she
24 is in danger of falling into habits of vice or immorality,
25 or that her welfare is in any way imperiled, they may cancel
26 such indenture and resume charge of such girl with the
27 same powers as before the indenture was made. The pow-
28 ers of said board with respect to any girl intrusted, as herein
29 provided, to the care of a suitable person are not affected
30 thereby, nor by her being bound to service or apprentice-
31 ship, except as expressed in the bond of indenture. Said
32 trustees, master or mistress and apprentice, shall have all
33 the rights and be subject to all the duties and penalties pro-
34 vided in any case of children apprenticed by overseers of the
35 poor. Any member of said board may execute such in-
36 denture deed in behalf of the board if authorized by a vote
37 of said board. Said board may, by vote in any case, or by

38 a general by-law, authorize a member or committee of said
39 board, or the principal of said school to intrust said girls to
40 the care and service of a suitable person or persons with-
41 out indenture, to see to their welfare during such service
42 and to require their return to said school at discretion.'

Sect. 2. Section thirty-one of said chapter is hereby
2 amended, so that said section, as hereby amended, shall
3 read as follows:

'Sect. 31. Whoever advises, induces, aids or abets any
5 girl committed to the charge or guardianship of said trust-
6 tees to escape from the school, or from the custody of any
7 person to whom such girl has been bound or intrusted by
8 said trustees or by their authority, or knowingly harbors
9 or secretes any girl who has escaped from said school, or
10 from the custody, authority or control of said trustees, or
11 from any person to whom such girl has been bound or in-
12 trusted by said trustees or by their authority, or elopes
13 with any such girl, or without the consent of said trustees
14 marries any such girl during the term of her commitment,
15 shall be fined not more than one hundred, nor less than
16 fifty dollars, or be imprisoned not exceeding six months;
17 and any girl who has so escaped may be arrested and de-
18 tained, without warrant, by any officer authorized to serve
19 criminal precepts, for a reasonable time to enable the prin-
20 cipal or a trustee of said school, or a person authorized in
21 writing by such principal or trustee and provided with the
22 mittimus by such girl was committed, or a certified copy
23 thereof, to take such girl for the purpose of returning her

24 to said school; but during such detention she shall not be
25 committed to jail, and the officer arresting her shall be paid
26 by the state a reasonable compensation for her arrest and
27 keeping.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 15, 1901.

Reported by Mr. WALKER of Starks, from Committee on Education,
and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*