

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, February 14, 1945.

Referred to Committee on State School for Boys, State School for Girls and State Reformatories in concurrence and ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Morrill of Cumberland by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the State School for Girls.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 23, § 86, amended. Section 86 of chapter 23 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 86. Duties of department; may bind to service any girl committed to its charge or parole to bureau of social welfare. The department shall have all the powers as to the person, property, earnings, and education of every girl committed ~~to the charge of said department to the state school for girls~~ during the term of her commitment, which a guardian has as to his ward, and all powers which parents have over their children. ~~At the discretion of said department, any such girl deemed by it to be eligible shall be granted entrance into the Hallowell high school under the same conditions as pupils residing in towns which do not maintain a standard secondary school, as provided in section 98 of chapter 37, except that tuition for such girl shall be paid by the said department from the appropriation to the state school for girls and shall be based on the average instructional cost per pupil for the year preceding that for which the tuition is paid.~~ At the discretion of said department, any such girl, during her commitment, may be kept at said school, or entrusted to the care of any suitable person and may be required to work for such per-

son, for a period not exceeding the term of her commitment, on such conditions as said department may deem reasonable and proper; or she may be entrusted to the custody of the ~~bureau~~ **department of social health and welfare**, in which case, the expense of her maintenance and education shall be borne in accordance with the provisions of section 240 of chapter 22. The department shall require the person to whom such girl is entrusted, to report to said department as often as once in 3 months the conduct and behavior of such girl, and whether she remains under such person, and if not, where she is. Said department shall take care that the terms of such trust are fulfilled, and the girl well treated, and if it believes that by reason of her misconduct, vicious inclinations, or surroundings, she is in danger of falling into habits of vice or immorality, or that her welfare is in any way imperiled, it may cancel such trust and resume charge of such girl with the same powers as before the trust was made. The powers of said department with respect to any girl entrusted, as herein provided, to the care of a suitable person are not affected thereby. Said department may authorize any officer thereof, or the superintendent of said school to entrust said girls to the care and service of a suitable person or persons without indenture, to see to their welfare during such service and to require their return to said school at discretion. The department shall have regard to the character of those to whom any girl is entrusted. **At the discretion of said department, any such girl deemed by it to be eligible shall be granted entrance into the Hallowell high school under the same conditions as pupils residing in towns which do not maintain a standard secondary school, as provided in section 98 of chapter 37, except that tuition for such girl shall be paid by the said department from the appropriation to the state school for girls and shall be based on the average instructional cost per pupil for the year preceding that for which the tuition is paid.'**

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 23, § 89, amended. Section 89 of chapter 23 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 89. Department may refuse to receive, or may discharge any girl committed. The department may refuse to receive any girl committed to said school ~~under the provisions of the 2 preceding sections~~, or may discharge any girl whose continuance, by reason of her vicious example and influence, or other misconduct, is in their opinion prejudicial to the school, or who for any reason ought not to be retained therein. Its refusal may be certified on the warrant of commitment, and she shall remain in the custody of the officer having the same, to be disposed of as prescribed in said sections. If it discharges her, it shall set forth its reasons therefor in a war-

rant of discharge, and any proper officer may return her to the court which committed her, or commit her as provided in the alternative sentence.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 23, §§ 87 and 90, repealed. Sections 87 and 90 of chapter 23 of the revised statutes are hereby repealed.