

CHAPTER 66.

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AN ACT to provide for the government and management of the State Reform School.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. The State Reform School at Waukesha shall be the place of confinement and instruction of all male children between the ages of eight and sixteen years, who shall be legally committed to the said State Reform School as vagrants, or on conviction of any criminal offense, or for incorrigible or vicious conduct, by any court having competent authority to make said commitment. What classes to be sent to reform school.

SECTION 2. The managers of the State Reform School are hereby clothed with the sole authority to discharge any child or children from said Reform School, who have heretofore been or may hereafter be legally committed thereto; and such power shall rest solely with said board of managers, and with no other person or persons; but it shall be the duty of said board of managers, and they shall have power to return any child to the court, justice or other authorities ordering or directing said child to be committed, when in the judgment of said managers they may deem said child an improper subject for their care and management, or who shall be found incorrigible, or whose continuance in the school they may deem prejudicial to the management and discipline thereof, or who in their judgment ought to be removed from the school for any cause; and in such case said court, police justice or other authority shall have power, and are hereby required, to proceed as they might have done, had they not ordered the commitment to such school. Managers may discharge children at their discretion.

SECTION 3. The superintendent of the State Reform School shall charge to each of the several counties in this state, in a book provided by him for that purpose, the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) per week, for the care and maintenance of each person remaining in said State Reform School, who was committed thereto as a Counties to be charged for care and maintenance.

vagrant, or by reason of incorrigible or vicious conduct, or who may thereafter be received into said State Reform School, committed for vagrancy or incorrigible or vicious conduct, from each of such counties respectively: *provided*, that the costs of the original commitment of all persons to said State Reform School shall be chargeable to the county from which the person committed to said school is sent; *and provided, further*, that it shall be the duty of the superintendent of said State Reform School to procure the arrest and return of any person escaping therefrom; and it shall also be the duty of any justice of the peace, marshal or constable, upon information of such escape, to arrest and return any such fugitive, as above mentioned.

Superintendent
to keep account

SECTION 4. The superintendent of the State Reform School shall keep an accurate account of the amount due from each county for the support of persons therefrom, and shall annually, on or before the tenth day of October in each year, report to the secretary of state the amount which may then be due from each county for the year ending on the first day of October preceding, which report shall state the name of each person for whom such account is rendered, the number of weeks which such person has been in said school during said year, and the amount charged for each of said persons respectively; and such report shall be verified by the oath of said superintendent as to its correctness. The secretary of state shall add the amount due from any county in this state for the support of such persons to the state tax apportioned to said county, and such amount shall be collected and paid into the state treasury for the use of the State Reform School.

Board of man-
agers—their ap-
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classification.

SECTION 5. The board of managers shall consist of five members, who shall be appointed by the governor and hold their offices for three years; said board to be divided into three classes, and so divided that the term of one class shall expire each year, on the first Tuesday of March, and shall receive for their compensation two dollars and fifty cents (\$2 50) per day for every day actually employed, and ten cents (.10) per mile for every mile actually traveled, and shall verify their account by their oath or affirmation.

They may make
rules and regu-
lations.

SECTION 6. Such managers shall have the power to make rules, regulations, ordinances and by-laws for

the government, discipline and management of the State Reform School, and the inmates thereof, as to them may seem just and proper: *provided*, that such rules and by-laws shall be in accordance with the constitution of this state and the constitution of the United States; and they shall have the power to place the children committed to their care, during the minority of said children, at such employments, and cause them to be instructed in such branches of useful knowledge as shall be suited to their years and capacities; and they shall have power in their discretion to bind out said children, with their consent or the consent of their parents or guardians, if they have any, as apprentices or servants during their minority, to such persons and at such places, to learn such proper trades and employments, as in their judgments will be most for their reformation and amendment, and the future benefit of such children: *provided*, that the religious opinions of the inmates shall not be interfered with.

SECTION 7. The said managers shall appoint a superintendent of said State Reform School, and such officers as they may deem necessary for the interest of the institution, with a view to the accomplishment of the object of its establishment and economy of its management; and the said managers shall make out a detailed report to the governor of the performance of their duty, on or before the tenth day of October in each year, which report shall contain a statement of the number of persons in the school at the commencement of the year, the number received during the year, and in the institution at the commencement of the year, together with all such facts and statements as they may deem necessary to communicate; which report shall be laid before the legislature by the governor.

Shall appoint a superintendent and report to governor.

SECTION 8. The courts and several magistrates in any county in this state may in their discretion, sentence to the State Reform School any such male, who may be convicted before them as a vagrant, or of any petit larceny or misdemeanor; and the several courts may, in their discretion, send to said State Reform School any such male who may be convicted before them of any offense which, under the existing laws would be punishable by imprisonment in the state

Courts and magistrates may sentence convicts.

prison: *provided*, in all cases the term of commitment shall not be less than to the age of twenty-one years.

Managers may restore person committed.

SECTION 9. The managers of the State Reform School shall have power, in their discretion, to restore any person duly committed to said school, to the care of his parents or guardian, before the expiration of their minority, if in their judgment, it would be most for the future benefit and advantage of such persons.

Further power of courts and magistrates.

SECTION 10. The courts and several magistrates in any county in the state, shall also have the power to commit to the State Reform School any male child, under the ages specified in section 1 of this act, upon complaints and due proof made to said court or magistrate by the parent or guardian of such child, that by reason of incorrigible or vicious conduct, such child is beyond the control and power of such parent or guardian, and that a due regard for the morals and future welfare of such child manifestly require that he should be committed to the guardianship of the managers of the State Reform School.

Managers to secure places for female convicts.

SECTION 11. The managers of the State Reform School are hereby authorized and directed to procure suitable places for the females under their charge, and in their discretion to dispose of them as, in their judgment, will be for their best interests and the interest of the state.

Appropriation.

SECTION 12. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, five thousand dollars to defray the expenses of the charges contemplated by this act, to supply deficiency caused by fire, and the support of the additional inmates received in said reform school, since last report.

SECTION 13. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 15, 1870.