

CHAP 269.

Attendance
officers
appointed.

127. The Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore city and the several Boards of County School Commissioners shall appoint, and may remove at pleasure, persons to be known as "Attendance Officers." The number to be appointed for the city of Baltimore shall not exceed twelve, and the number for any county shall not exceed three. Their compensation shall be fixed and paid by the County Commissioners of the respective counties, or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore city, as the case may be.

Truant from
school to
be arrested.

128. It shall be the duty of each attendance officer, and he shall have full power, within the city or county for which he may be appointed, to arrest without warrant any child between eight and sixteen years of age found away from his home and who is a truant from school, or who fails to attend school in accordance with the provisions of this sub-title. He shall forthwith deliver a child so arrested either to the custody of a person in parental relation to the child or of the teacher from whose school such child is then a truant; but if the child be a habitual or incorrigible truant, he shall bring him before a justice of the peace for commitment by him to a "Parental School," as provided for in the next section, or to some other institution to which disorderly children may be committed. The attendance officer shall promptly report every such arrest, and the disposition made by him of the child so arrested, to the School Commissioners of the said city or county, respectively, or to such person or persons as they may direct.

Parental
schools to be
established.

129. The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and the several Boards of County Commissioners may establish schools, to be known as parental schools, for children between eight and sixteen years of age who are habitually truants from school or from instruction. They may also provide for the confinement, maintenance and instruction of such children in such schools, for such period and under such rules and regulations as they may prescribe, not exceeding the remainder of the school year. Justices of the peace may commit such children to such parental schools, but no person convicted of any crime, or of any offence other than truancy, shall be committed thereto.

Separate
record to be
made out.

130. It shall be the duty of the Police Commissioners of Baltimore city, at the same time that the census of legal voters in said city is taken under their direction, as provided by section 17 of Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws, also to cause to be made by the members of the force under their control, annually, a separate record of the full name, age, color and sex of every child between six and sixteen years of age in each precinct of the said city, and the place where, and