

Public Law 105

CHAPTER 291

AN ACT

August 3, 1951
[S. 492]

To provide that children be committed to the Board of Public Welfare in lieu of being committed to the National Training School for Girls; that the property and personnel of the National Training School for Girls be available for the care of children committed to or accepted by the Board of Public Welfare; and for other purposes.

National Training
School for Girls.
Restriction on com-
mitment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no girl shall be committed to the National Training School for Girls after the enactment of this Act. Any girl who, but for the provisions of this Act, would be subject to commitment to such school shall be subject to commitment to the Board of Public Welfare (hereinafter called the "Board"). Girls committed to such school prior to the enactment of this Act shall remain subject to the supervision and care of the Board for the periods of their commitments, but may be removed by it to any other place of detention available to it. The Board is authorized to parole or discharge any girl committed to it or subject to its supervision as provided in this section. In the supervision and care of any such girl the Board is authorized, in its discretion, to use any public or private agency or institution, or private family home, either without expense or at a fixed rate of board.

Availability of
buildings, etc.

SEC. 2. The buildings, grounds, and equipment of the National Training School for Girls shall be available for the care and training of children committed to the Board or received and accepted by it for care under the authority of this or any other Act. Appropriations heretofore or hereafter made for the National Training School for Girls shall be available for the care and training of such children.

SEC. 3. Section 8 of the Act entitled "An Act revising and amending the various Acts establishing and relating to the Reform School of the District of Columbia", approved May 3, 1876, as applicable to the Reform School for Girls of the District of Columbia (subsequently designated the National Training School for Girls) (31 Stat. 809; D. C. Code, sec. 32-908), as amended—

(1) by striking out "Reform School for Girls", wherever appearing therein, and inserting in lieu thereof "Board of Public Welfare";

(2) by striking out "to remain until she arrives at the age of twenty-one years unless sooner discharged by the board of trustees"; and

(3) by adding at the end thereof the following: "Girls committed to the Board of Public Welfare may be committed for such periods as the courts may deem proper, subject to earlier discharge by the Board of Public Welfare, but no girl shall be so committed for a period extending beyond her twenty-first birthday."

SEC. 4. Clause (2) of section 14 of the Act entitled "An Act to create a juvenile court in and for the District of Columbia", approved March 19, 1906, is amended—

(1) by striking out the words "National Training School for Girls or the"; and

(2) by striking out the word "schools" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "school".

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