

# A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 102 OF THE ACTS OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTY GENERAL ASSEMBLY RELATING TO THE IOWA INDUSTRIAL REFORMATORY FOR WOMEN.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:**

Section 1. That section 5 of chapter 102 of the acts of the Twenty-eighth General Assembly be and the same is hereby repealed and the following is enacted in lieu thereof:

Sec. 5. When a girl or woman, not less than sixteen years of age and less than twenty-six years of age shall be found guilty in any superior or district court of record of any crime except that of murder, the court may in its discretion, instead of entering judgment of conviction, order that she be sent to the Iowa Industrial reformatory for women, which order certified by the clerk of the court and under its seal, shall be sufficient authority for her transfer to and confinement in said reformatory.

When a girl or women not less than sixteen and less than twenty-six years of age is convicted by any police of other inferior court of a crime or shall be found to be guilty of being a disorderly person, she may be forthwith sent by the court, together with all the papers filed in its office relating to the case, in custody of an officer, to a judge of a superior or district court. At a time and place to be fixed by such judge or to which the hearing may be adjourned, he shall proceed to take the voluntary examination of the girl or women, to hear the statements of the party appearing for her, and such testimony in relation to the case as may be produced; and if upon such examination and hearing he shall be satisfied that such female is a fit subject for the reformatory, he may commit her to the reformatory by warrant, which shall state the place in which she resided at the time of her arrest, and her age as nearly as it can be ascertained, and shall command the officer or other person designated in the warrant to take and deliver without delay to the superintendent or other person in charge of the reformatory the said female, and the statement as to residence and age shall be conclusive for the purposes of this act. With the warrant the judge shall also transmit a statement of the nature of the com-

23  plaint, and such other particulars concerning the accused as he may be able to ascertain.  If the  
24  judge is of the opinion that the girl or woman is not a fit subject for the reformatory, or if she  
25  shall appeal from the decision of the court in which the conviction was had, he shall remand  
26  her to the custody of the officer who had her in charge, to be returned to the magistrate before  
27  whom the conviction was had, to be dealt with according to law.

28     *Provided, however,* that if a female convicted by any inferior court, and sent before a judge,  
29  of a superior or district court, as provided in this section, is a minor, the judge before whom  
30  she is sent shall issue an order directed to the parent or guardian of such minor or to the per-  
31  son who has her in charge or with whom she last resided, or to a person known to be nearly  
32  related to her, or if she be alone and friendless then to any person the judge may appoint to  
33  act as guardian for the purposes of the case, requiring him or her to appear at the time and  
34  place fixed by the judge and show cause why such minor should not be committed to the  
35  reformatory, which order shall be served by an officer by delivering a copy to the person to  
36  whom it is addressed or by leaving it with some person of full age at the residence or place of  
37  business of said person, and an immediate return of the service shall be made to the judge.  If  
38  there be no appearance at the hearing for the minor, the judge shall appoint a suitable person  
39  to act as guardian of the minor for the purposes of the case before the hearing is had.

Sec. 2.  That section 6 of said chapter 102 is hereby amended by striking therefrom and  
2  repealing all after the word "therefor" in the ninth line thereof.

Sec. 3.  That section 7 of said chapter 102 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in  
2  lieu thereof:

3     The board of control shall have the power to order the parole or discharge of any inmate  
4  of the reformatory as a reward for good conduct and proficiency in studies and for  
5  satisfactory work in the industrial department, if there be reasonable ground to believe that  
6  such inmate if released will lead a virtuous and honorable life.  The board may also in  
7  unusual and special cases parole or discharge inmates if the reasons therefor shall be deemed  
8  sufficient and urgent.  If the inmate be paroled, the parole may be on conditions which shall  
9  be prescribed by the board of control and may be terminated for a failure to comply with such  
10  conditions.

11     When an inmate is paroled or discharged, the superintendent may, with the approval of  
12  the board of control, furnish her with a supply of clothing and receptacle therefor and trans-  
13  portation to the place from which she was committed or to any place she may select not more  
14  distant than the place of commitment, and with a sum of money not exceeding ten dollars.

15 It shall be the duty of the superintendent, so far as it is practicable, to obtain for each inmate  
16 before she is paroled or discharged a home and suitable employment if they are not otherwise  
17 provided.

Sec. 4. That section 12 of said chapter 102 be amended as follows: By inserting after  
2 the words "appropriated for" in the second line thereof, the words "the wages of officers and  
3 employes," and by adding to said section the following: Provided, further, That if the num-  
4 ber of inmates of the reformatory shall, at any time be fewer than fifty, the estimates shall,  
5 nevertheless include sufficient sums of money to pay the wages of the head of the reformatory  
6 and of all subordinates necessary to carry it on properly, and other necessary expenses, but in  
7 such cases the estimates for wages, and other purposes shall not exceed seven hundred fifty  
8 dollars per month.

Sec. 5. That section 13 of said chapter 102 is hereby amended by striking from the fifth  
2 line thereof the words "fifteen hundred" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "three thou-  
3 sand."

Sec. 6. That the judge who commits a girl or woman to the reformatory may require  
2 that she be taken to the reformatory by a woman or other suitable person to be designated in  
3 the warrant, or that she be accompanied by a woman so designated. The expense of taking  
4 girls and women to the reformatory shall be the same as those allowed by law for taking girls  
5 to the Industrial School for Girls, and shall be paid in like manner by the counties from which  
6 they are sent.

Sec. 7. That any person committed to or confined in said reformatory who shall  
2 escape may be arrested, if found in the vicinity of the reformatory, and taken or returned to  
3 said reformatory by an officer or employee thereof or of the penitentiary at Anamosa without  
4 other authority than this act and by any peace officer or other person on the order or request  
5 in writing of the head of the reformatory. And if any paroled inmate shall violate her parole,  
6 she may be arrested and returned to said reformatory by any officer or employee thereof, or  
7 by any peace officer or other person on the order in writing of the head of the reformatory,  
8 approved by the board of control, and the reasonable expenses incurred in returning such  
9 inmate shall be paid from the funds of the reformatory.

Sec. 8. That whoever unlawfully aids or assists any inmate lawfully committed to the  
2 reformatory to escape therefrom, or knowingly conceals such inmate after escape, shall be  
3 punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisonment in the penitentiary  
4 not exceeding five years.

Sec. 9. That all acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 10. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force  
2 from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Leader, news-  
3 papers published at Des Moines, Iowa.