

# A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL REFORMATORY FOR FEMALES, TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF INMATES TO AND FROM THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

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

Section 1. That there is hereby established at or near the city of Des Moines, Iowa, the location of which and the purchase of suitable grounds therefor shall be selected and purchased by the Board of Control of the State Institutions and be under the supervision and control of said board, an institution which shall be known and designated as the Iowa Industrial Reformatory for Women.

Said board shall also have under their supervision the plans and specifications in regard to buildings suitable for such reformatory.

Sec. 2. Said reformatory shall be under the control of the Board of Control of State Institutions and the management thereof shall be in charge of a superintendent and such subordinate officers and employees as shall be employed for that purpose. The subordinate officers and employees shall be appointed by the superintendent. The compensation to be paid all officers shall be fixed according to the provisions of Title XIII (13), XIV (14) and XXVI (26) of the Code as amended by chapter one hundred eighteen (118) of the acts of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, and said acts and amendments thereto so far as applicable and not otherwise specified shall apply to and govern the business, management and support of said reformatory and its inmates.

Sec. 3. The Board of Control shall determine what subordinate officers and employees  
2 are required to carry on and manage said reformatory and shall provide for the appointment  
3 of a superintendent and compensation.

4 The Board of Control is authorized to establish from time to time such regulations for the  
5 government, discipline and management of the reformatory as the board may deem advisable.

Sec. 4. The Board of Control shall as soon as practicable after the passage of this act select  
2 a site and suitable grounds and lands which may be necessary for the buildings and use of  
3 such reformatory, and shall supply such machinery, fixtures, furniture, furnishings, implements  
4 and tools of any kind and character which shall be deemed necessary to open, operate and  
5 maintain such reformatory, and the same may be opened as soon as it is ready for such inmates.

Sec. 5. At least thirty days before the opening of such reformatory the Board of Control  
2 shall notify each Judge of the police, superior and districts courts, and all clerks of the district  
3 court of each county of this State of the date when said reformatory will be open for the recep-  
4 tion of inmates.

Sec. 6. When girls or women not less than sixteen or less than twenty-six years of age  
2 shall be found guilty in any superior or district court of this State of any crime except that of  
3 murder, the court may, in its discretion, instead of entering judgment of conviction, order that  
4 she may be sent to the Iowa Industrial Reformatory for Women, which order, certified by the  
5 clerk of the court under its seal, shall be sufficient authority for her transfer and confinement  
6 in said reformatory.

Sec. 7. When a girl or woman not less than sixteen and less than twenty-six years of age  
2 is convicted by any police or other inferior court of a crime, or shall be found guilty of being  
3 a disreputable person she may be forthwith sent by the court, together with all the papers  
4 filed in its office relative to the case, in custody of an officer, to the Judge of the superior or  
5 district court. At a time and place to be fixed by such Judge or to which the hearing may be  
6 adjourned, he shall proceed to take the voluntary examination of the girl or woman and hear  
7 the statement of the party appearing for her, and such testimony relating to the case as may  
8 be produced; and if upon such examination and hearing he shall be satisfied that such female  
9 is a fit subject for the reformatory he may commit her to the reformatory by a warrant, which  
10 shall state the place in which she resided at the time of arrest, age as nearly as can be ascer-  
11 tained and shall command the officer or other person designated in the warrant to take and  
12 deliver without delay to the superintendent or other person in charge of the reformatory the  
13 said female, and the statement as to age and residence which shall be conclusive for the pur-

14 pose of this act. With the warrant the Judge shall also transmit a statement of the nature  
15 of the complaint, and such other particulars concerning the accused as he may be able to  
16 ascertain. If the Judge is of the opinion that the girl or the woman is not a fit subject for the  
17 reformatory, or if she shall appeal from the decision of the court in which conviction was had,  
18 he shall remand her to the custody of the officer who had her in charge, to be returned to the  
19 magistrate before whom conviction was had, to be dealt with according to law.

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

Sec. 8. The Judge who commits a girl or woman to the reformatory may direct that she  
2 be taken there by a woman or other suitable person to be designated in the warrant; or if  
3 taken by a sheriff or other officer, that she be accompanied by a woman so designated. The  
4 costs and expenses so allowed for taking girls and women to the reformatory shall be the same  
5 as those allowed by law for taking girls to the industrial school for girls and shall be admitted  
6 and paid in like manner by the counties from which they are sent.

Sec. 9. Any woman or girl over the age of fourteen years who is an inmate of the indus-  
2 trial school for girls, who is unruly or incorrigible, or whose presence is dangerous or detrimen-  
3 tal to the school, may, on the recommendation of the superintendent of the school and after  
4 an investigation by the Board of Control, be transferred by order of the board to the reform-  
5 atory, and the expense of the transfer shall be paid from the funds of the school. And the  
6 board may, on the recommendation of the superintendent of the reformatory and after an  
7 investigation by the board, transfer any inmate of the reformatory to the school, and the  
8 expense of the transfer shall be paid from the funds of the reformatory. And after transfer  
9 to either institution is made, the person transferred shall be subject to all the provisions of

10 the law and regulations of the institution to which she is transferred the same as though she  
11 had been originally committed thereto.

Sec. 10. It shall be the duty of the superintendent, under the direction of the Board of  
2 Control, to provide instructors and appliances for and to instruct and train the inmates of the  
3 reformatory according to their capacity and needs in religion, morality, physical culture and  
4 in such common school and other branches of learning, in domestic and mechanical arts, and  
5 in such other branches of industry as shall afford the moral, mental and physical training and  
6 skill which shall seem best to prepare the inmates to live orderly and virtuous lives and to  
7 become self-supporting and useful members of society. And the superintendent may require  
8 any inmate of the reformatory to perform any service suited to her strength and attainments  
9 which may be needed for the benefit or to accomplish the purpose of the reformatory.

Sec. 11. The Governor upon recommendation of the Board of Control shall have the  
2 power to order the parole or discharge of any inmate of the reformatory as a reward for good  
3 conduct and proficiency in studies and for satisfactory work in the industrial department, if  
4 there be reasonable grounds to believe that such inmate if released will lead a virtuous and  
5 honorable life. The Governor upon recommendation of the Board of Control may also in  
6 unusual and special cases parole or discharge inmates if the reason therefor shall be deemed  
7 sufficient and urgent. If the inmates be paroled, the parole may be upon conditions which  
8 shall be prescribed by the Board of Control and may be terminated for a failure to comply  
9 with such conditions.

Sec. 12. When an inmate is paroled or discharged, the superintendent may, with the  
2 approval of the Board of Control, furnish her with a supply of clothing and a receptacle there-  
3 for, and transportation to the place from which she was committed or to any place that she  
4 may select not more distant than the place of commitment, and with a sum of money not  
5 exceeding ten dollars (\$10). It shall be the duty of the superintendent, so far as is practic-  
6 able, to obtain for each inmate before she is paroled or discharged a home and suitable employ-  
7 ment if they are not otherwise provided.

Sec. 13. Any person committed to or confined in said reformatory who shall escape may  
2 be arrested and taken or returned to said reformatory if found in the vicinity of the reform-  
3 atory, by any officer or employee therefor without any other authority than this act, and  
4 by any peace officer or other person on the request in writing of the superintendent. If any  
5 paroled inmate shall violate the conditions of her parol, she may be arrested and returned to  
6 the reformatory by any officer or employee thereof, or by any peace officer or other person,

7 on the request in writing of the superintendent, approved by the Board of Control; and the  
8 reasonable expenses incurred in returning such inmate, shall be paid from the funds of the  
9 reformatory.

Sec. 14. Whoever unlawfully aids or assists any inmate lawfully committed to the  
2 reformatory to escape therefrom, or knowingly conceals such inmate after her escape, shall be  
3 punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisonment in the penitentiary  
4 not exceeding five years.

Sec. 15. For the purpose of providing lands and grounds suitable for said reformatory,  
2 and purchasing the machinery, appliances therefor and the construction of buildings suitable  
3 therefor for the reception of such inmates as hereinbefore provided there are hereby appropri-  
4 ated the sums of money as follows:

5 For the purchase of a site of land and grounds the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

6 For the construction of buildings on the same the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000).

7 For the purchase of furniture, fixtures, vehicles, stock and other articles necessary for the  
8 operation and construction of said reformatory the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

Sec. 16. For the purpose of maintaining the reformatory, including the payment of the  
2 compensation of officers and employees, for instruction of inmates, the furnishing of food,  
3 clothing and all necessary machinery, apparatus and supplies, and transportation for the  
4 paroled and discharged inmates the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15) per month, or so much thereof  
5 as shall be necessary, for each inmate, estimated on the basis of the average number of in-  
6 mates for the preceding month; but, in case the average number of inmates shall be fewer in  
7 any month than sixty (60), then and in that case the appropriation shall be nine hundred dol-  
8 lars (\$900) for each of such months, or so much thereof as shall be necessary. The superin-  
9 tendent is authorized to make an estimate a month in advance of the opening of the reforma-  
10 tory on the basis of sixty (60) inmates for the first month. If the average number of inmates  
11 for any month shall be fewer than sixty (60), the estimate shall nevertheless include  
12 sufficient sums of money, not exceeding the aggregate of nine hundred dollars (\$900),  
13 to pay the compensation of the officers and employees necessary to carry on the reformatory  
14 properly and other necessary expenses.

Sec. 17. In case the buildings of the reformatory shall at any time become unfit for the  
2 purpose of the reformatory by reason of fire, storms or other causes, the Board of Control shall  
3 make the best temporary provisions practicable for the confinement and care of the inmates  
4 at Knoxville or some other place in the State, and if deemed advisable may transfer them to a

5 department of the penitentiary at Anamosa. In case such temporary arrangement shall be  
6 made, all laws applicable to the reformatory established by this act shall apply to the  
7 reformatory in the new location, and the reasonable cost of the change, including the transfer  
8 of the inmates, shall be paid from any money in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 18. Chapter 102 of the acts of the Twenty-eighth General Assembly and all acts and  
2 parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 19. 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 in Des Moines, Iowa.