

CHAPTER 233A

TRAINING SCHOOL

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233A.1 State training school — Eldora.

1. Effective January 1, 1992, a diagnosis and evaluation center and other units are established at the state training school to provide court-committed male juvenile delinquents a program which focuses upon appropriate developmental skills, treatment, placements, and rehabilitation.

2. The diagnosis and evaluation center which is used to identify appropriate treatment and placement alternatives for juveniles and any other units for juvenile delinquents which are located at Eldora shall be known as the “*state training school*”. For the purposes of [this chapter](#) “*director*” means the director of human services and “*superintendent*” means the administrator in charge of the diagnosis and evaluation center for juvenile delinquents and other units at the state training school.

3. The number of children present at any one time at the state training school shall not exceed the population guidelines established under [1990 Iowa Acts, ch. 1239, §21](#), as adjusted for subsequent changes in the capacity at the training school.

[S13, §2701-a; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, [§3685](#); C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §242.1; [82 Acts, ch 1260, §25](#)]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159](#); [90 Acts, ch 1239, §15, 16](#)

C93, §233A.1

[2005 Acts, ch 175, §102](#); [2014 Acts, ch 1026, §143](#); [2018 Acts, ch 1165, §114](#)

233A.2 Superintendent — powers and duties.

The superintendent has charge and custody of the juveniles committed to the state training school. The superintendent shall administer the state training school and direct the staff in order to provide a positive living experience designed to prepare the juveniles for a productive future.

[C73, §1651, 1652; C97, §2707; S13, §2707; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, [§3686](#); C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §242.2]

[90 Acts, ch 1239, §17](#)

C93, §233A.2

233A.3 Salary.

The salary of the superintendent of the state training school shall be determined by the administrator.

[S13, §2727-3a; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, [§3687](#); C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §242.3; [82 Acts, ch 1260, §26](#)]

C93, §233A.3

233A.4 Education and training.

The state training school shall provide a positive living experience for older juveniles who require secure custody and who live at the state training school for an extended period of time. The education and training programs provided to the juveniles shall reflect the age level

and extended period of stay by focusing upon appropriate developmental skills to prepare the juveniles for productive living.

[C73, §1648; C97, §2706; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3688; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §242.4; 82 Acts, ch 1260, §27]

85 Acts, ch 21, §37; 90 Acts, ch 1239, §18

C93, §233A.4

Referred to in §232.53

233A.5 Procedure to commit.

The procedure for the commitment of children to the state training school, except as otherwise provided, shall be the same as provided in [chapter 232](#).

[C73, §1653 – 1659; C97, §2708, 2709; S13, §2708, 2709; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3689; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §242.5]

C93, §233A.5

233A.6 Visits.

Members of the executive council, the attorney general, the lieutenant governor, members of the general assembly, judges of the supreme and district court and court of appeals, magistrates, county attorneys and persons ordained or designated as regular leaders of a religious community are authorized to visit the state training school at reasonable times. No other person shall be granted admission except by permission of the superintendent.

85 Acts, ch 21, §38

CS85, §242.6

C93, §233A.6

233A.7 Placing in families.

All children committed to and received in the state training school may be placed by the department under foster care arrangements, with any persons or in families of good standing and character where they will be properly cared for and educated. The cost of foster care provided under these arrangements shall be paid as provided in [section 234.35](#).

[C73, §1649; C97, §2704; S13, §2704; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3691; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §242.7; 82 Acts, ch 1260, §29]

90 Acts, ch 1270, §47

C93, §233A.7

Referred to in §233A.11

233A.8 Articles of agreement.

Such children shall be so placed under articles of agreement, approved by the administrator and signed by the person or persons taking them and by the superintendent. Said articles shall provide for the custody, care, education, maintenance, and earnings of said children for a time to be fixed in said articles, which shall not extend beyond the time when the persons bound shall attain the age of eighteen years.

[C73, §1649; C97, §2704; S13, §2704; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3692; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §242.8]

C93, §233A.8

Referred to in §233A.11

233A.9 Resuming custody of child.

In case a child so placed be not given the care, education, treatment, and maintenance required by such agreement, the administrator may cause the child to be taken from the person with whom placed and returned to the institution, or may replace, release, or finally discharge the child as may seem best.

[C73, §1649; C97, §2704; S13, §2704; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3693; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §242.9]

C93, §233A.9

Referred to in §233A.11

233A.10 Unlawful interference.

It shall be unlawful for any parent or other person not a party to such placing of a child to interfere in any manner or assume or exercise any control over such child or the child's earnings. Said earnings shall be used, held, or otherwise applied for the exclusive benefit of such child, in accordance with [section 234.37](#).

[S13, §2704; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3694; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §242.10] C93, §233A.10

Referred to in [§233A.11](#)

233A.11 County attorney to appear for child.

In case legal proceedings are necessary to enforce any right conferred on any child by [sections 233A.7 through 233A.10](#), the county attorney of the county in which such proceedings should be instituted shall, on request of the superintendent, approved by the administrator, institute and carry on, in the name of the superintendent, the proceedings in behalf of the superintendent.

[S13, §2704; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3695; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §242.11] C93, §233A.11

[2021 Acts, ch 80, §130](#)

Referred to in [§331.756\(44\)](#)

Section amended

233A.12 Discharge or parole.

The administrator may at any time after one year's service order the discharge or parole of any inmate as a reward for good conduct, and may, in exceptional cases, discharge or parole inmates without regard to the length of their service or conduct, when satisfied that the reasons therefor are urgent and sufficient. If paroled upon satisfactory evidence of reformation, the order may remain in effect or terminate under such rules as the administrator may prescribe.

[C73, §1660, 1661; C97, §2711; S13, §2711; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3696; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §242.12]

C93, §233A.12

233A.13 Binding out or discharge.

The binding out or the discharge of an inmate as reformed, or having arrived at the age of eighteen years, shall be a complete release from all penalties incurred by the conviction for the offense upon which the child was committed to the school.

[C73, §1661; C97, §2711; S13, §2711; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3697; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §242.13]

C93, §233A.13

Referred to in [§232.53](#)

233A.14 Transfers to other institutions.

The administrator may transfer to the state training school minor wards of the state from any institution under the administrator's charge but no person shall be so transferred who is mentally ill or has an intellectual disability. Any child in the state training school who is mentally ill or has an intellectual disability may be transferred by the administrator to the proper state institution.

[C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §242.14]

C93, §233A.14

[2012 Acts, ch 1019, §90](#); [2018 Acts, ch 1165, §115](#)

233A.15 Transfers to work in parks.

1. The administrator may detail children, classed as trustworthy, from the state training school, to perform services for the department of natural resources within the state parks, state game and forest areas, and other lands under the jurisdiction of the department of natural resources. The department of natural resources shall provide permanent housing and work guidance supervision, but the care and custody of the children so detailed shall

remain under employees of the division of child and family services of the department of human services. All such programs shall have as their primary purpose and shall provide for inculcation or the activation of attitudes, skills, and habit patterns which will be conducive to the habilitation of the youths involved.

2. The administrator is hereby authorized to use state-owned mobile housing equipment and facilities in performing services at temporary locations in the areas described in [subsection 1](#).

[C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §242.15; [82 Acts, ch 1260, §30](#)]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159](#)

C93, §233A.15

[2021 Acts, ch 80, §131](#)

Section amended

233A.16 Reserved.

233A.17 Cost of care.

If a child receives unearned income, the department shall reserve a portion of the unearned income for the use of the child as a personal allowance and apply the remaining portion to the cost of the child's custody, care, and maintenance provided pursuant to [this chapter](#).

[89 Acts, ch 283, §29](#)

CS89, §242.17

C93, §233A.17