

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2112

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 7, 1947.

The committee on Public Welfare, to whom was referred the report of the special commission (including members of the General Court) established (under Chapter 86 of the Resolves of 1946) to make an investigation and study relative to the prevention of child delinquency, the rehabilitation of delinquent children and as to the advisability of establishing institutions for the treatment of such children (Senate, No. 485, App. D), report (in part) the accompanying bill (House, No. 2112).

For the committee,

MARGARET L. SPEAR.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO COMMITMENTS TO THE MASSACHUSETTS TRAINING SCHOOLS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 119 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out section 73, as amended  
3 by chapter 202 of the acts of 1945, and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 73.* In criminal proceedings under the  
6 following sections, district courts and trial justices  
7 may commit boys under fifteen years of age to the  
8 Lyman school, boys between fifteen and eighteen  
9 years of age to the industrial school for boys, or girls  
10 under eighteen years of age to the industrial school  
11 for girls, except that the Boston juvenile court shall,  
12 subject to the preceding section, commit no boy over  
13 seventeen years of age to the industrial school for  
14 boys. The municipal court of the city of Boston may  
15 commit boys over seventeen years of age to the  
16 industrial school for boys.

1 SECTION 2. The third paragraph of section 58 of  
2 said chapter 119, as appearing in the Tercentenary  
3 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 10

4 the word "seventeen" and inserting in place thereof  
5 the word:— eighteen, — so as to read as follows:—  
6 If a child is adjudged a delinquent child, the court may  
7 place the case on file, or may place the child in the care  
8 of a probation officer for such time and on such con-  
9 ditions as may seem proper. If it is alleged in the  
10 complaint upon which the child is so adjudged that  
11 a law of the commonwealth has been violated, the  
12 court may, with the consent of the department,  
13 authorize it to place such child in charge of any per-  
14 son, and, if at any time thereafter such child proves  
15 unmanageable, to commit such child, if a boy under  
16 fifteen years of age, to the Lyman school, if a boy  
17 between fifteen and eighteen years of age, to the  
18 industrial school for boys, or if a girl under eighteen  
19 years of age, to the industrial school for girls, but not  
20 for a longer period than until such child becomes  
21 twenty-one. The department may provide for the  
22 maintenance, in whole or in part, of any child so  
23 placed in charge of any person.

