

SENATE No. 88.

[Introduced on leave by Mr. PITMAN, of Bristol.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-
Five.

AN ACT

In relation to Juvenile Offenders.

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

1 SECT. 1. No person under the age of twelve years
2 shall be sentenced to a jail or house of correction,
3 except for non-payment of fine or fine and costs.

1 SECT. 2. The county commissioners of the several
2 counties may, in their discretion, establish therein at
3 the expense of such county, and with such regula-

4 tions as they shall judge proper, houses of reforma-
5 tion, to which offenders under the age of sixteen
6 years may be sent in cases punishable by law with
7 imprisonment, or for non-payment of fine or fine and
8 costs.

1 SECT. 3. Any city or town in such county may
2 assign such house of reformation as the institution
3 provided for persons convicted of being habitual
4 truants, or children not attending school and growing
5 up in ignorance and vice, and in such case shall pay
6 such sum for the support thereof as the county com-
7 missioners shall determine.

1 SECT. 4. The said commissioners shall have power
2 at any time to discharge any person sentenced to said
3 house of reformation.