

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That the said directors shall make a report every year, at least ten days before the meeting of the legislature, to the governor of the state, showing the expenses, profits, loss, receipts, disbursements, condition and progress of the said penitentiary, together with a statement of the number of prisoners, their age, sex, colour, place of nativity and conviction, offence, term of confinement, escapes, pardons and discharges, accompanied by such remarks and suggestions as may appear necessary to the advancement of the interests of the establishment, and to possess the people of a general knowledge of its concerns; and the governor shall communicate said report, together with those received from the city court as aforesaid, to the legislature during the first week of the session, with such recommendations as he may think expedient.

Annual
report
required.

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That all the expenses of the said penitentiary, shall be defrayed out of the funds thereof, and no demand shall be made upon the state treasury for that purpose, except for such sums as may be payable in virtue of appropriations, by acts of assembly heretofore or hereafter to be made.

Expenses to
be defrayed.

None from
the treasury

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted*, That every person convicted of any crime, the punishment whereof shall be confinement in the penitentiary, shall be placed and kept in the solitary cells thereof, on low and coarse diet, for such part or portion of the time of his or her imprisonment, as the court in their sentence shall direct and appoint; *Provided*, that it be not more than one-half, nor less than one-twentieth part thereof; and that the directors of the said penitentiary, shall have power to direct the infliction of said solitary confinement, either at the commencement or just before the termination of the said sentence, or at any time during the same; *Provided*, the said solitary confinement shall be inflicted consecutively for the whole of that part of said sentence, and the person so confined shall be allowed to work in his cell, at the discretion of the board of directors, with a proper and exclusive regard, in enforcing this section, to the reformation of said prisoner, unless the convict's health, in the opinion of the physician, require his release from said solitary confinement, in which case he shall be released until his health be restored.

Solitary
confinement

Limitation.

At what
term.
Object.

Regard to
health.

This section is modified by 1838, ch. 400.

SEC. 18. *And be it enacted*, That if any offender sentenced to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary, shall escape, he or she shall, on conviction thereof, suffer such additional confinement and hard labour, agreeably to the laws of this state, as Baltimore city court shall adjudge and direct; and if any keeper, deputy assistant keeper, or other person, shall aid and assist in the escape of any offender confined in the penitentiary, he or she shall, on conviction thereof, by Baltimore city court,

Prisoners
escaping.

Punishment

Officers &c.
aiding
therein.