

State relating to incorporations, is authorized to receive all such white females under the age of eighteen years as may be committed to the corporation by their parents or guardians, and the same to be retained within the refuge conducted by said corporation until they reach the age of eighteen years, or to bind them out as apprentices until they reach the said age, as the directors of the said corporation may elect.

Id s 2.
How to be
committed.

157. White females under the age of eighteen years may be committed to the House of the Good Shepherd by a justice of the peace for any of the counties, or the city of Baltimore, on complaint and due proof made to him by the parents, guardians, or next friend of such minor, that, by reason of incorrigible or vicious conduct, such minor has rendered her control beyond the powers of such parents or guardian or next friend, and made it manifestly requisite that from regard to the morals and future welfare of such minor, and the peace and order of society, she should be placed under the guardianship of the House of the Good Shepherd.

Id s 3.
When to be
committed

158. White females under the age of eighteen years may be committed to the said House of the Good Shepherd by the authority aforesaid, when complaint and due proof have been made that such minor is a proper subject for the guardianship of the said corporation, in consequence of vagrancy, or of incorrigible or vicious conduct, and that from the moral depravity or otherwise of the parent, guardian, or next friend, in whose custody such minor may be, such parent, guardian, or next friend is incapable or unwilling to exercise the proper care and discipline over such incorrigible or vicious minor.

Id s 4.
Power to bind
out as apprentices.

159. The said corporation shall have power to bind out all minors committed to their care, with the consent of such minors, as apprentices during their minority, to such persons and places, within or out of this State, and to learn such proper trades or employments, as in the judgment of such managers will be most conducive to the reformation and the future benefit and advantage of such children; and the indentures by which children shall be bound shall contain the covenants, and shall be recorded as prescribed by article LIV of this Code relating to Apprentices, and all the provisions of the said article in relation to white apprentices shall apply to apprentices bound under this section.

Id s 5.
Instruction of
females committed

160. The directors of the said House of the Good Shepherd shall have power to place all the females committed to their care at such employment, and cause them to be instructed in such branches of useful knowledge as may be suited to their years and capacities; and they shall have power to classify the inmates of the refuge conducted by them, and to make all such useful rules and regulations as in their experience they shall from time to time find necessary for the regulation and government of the same.

Rules and
regulations.

Id s 6.
Females com-

161. The said corporation shall have power to receive within