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**AN ACT**

Supplementary to an act entitled "An act defining the powers of the several courts of quarter sessions of the peace within this Commonwealth with reference to the care treatment and control of dependent neglected incorrigible and delinquent children under the age of sixteen years and providing for the means in which such power may be exercised" approved the twenty-third day of April Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and three Pamphlet Laws page two hundred and seventy-four prohibiting magistrates aldermen or justices of the peace from sentencing or committing for trial for any offenses dependent neglected incorrigible or delinquent children under the age of sixteen years and providing for the disposition of such children by the juvenile courts providing that the jurisdiction of such courts over children committed by them shall continue notwithstanding such

children may remove or be removed from the territorial limits of such courts authorizing the said courts to commit such children in proper cases to the custody of their mothers to be maintained in their respective homes and providing for the payment of the cost of such maintenance by the proper county prescribing the duties of probation officers in such cases and authorizing the several juvenile courts to employ medical experts in certain cases

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*  
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*  
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*  
4 no magistrate alderman or justice of the peace shall sen-  
5 tence commit or hold for trial any dependent neglected  
6 incorrigible or delinquent child under the age of sixteen  
7 years but in all cases in which any such child shall  
8 be charged with any offense before such magistrate alder-  
9 man or justice of the peace he shall give such child  
10 into the custody of a probation officer of the proper  
11 juvenile court the duty of which officer shall be to  
12 thereupon petition the said court setting forth the facts  
13 in the case whereupon such court shall take such action  
14 agreeably to existing law as it deems proper and if  
15 upon the hearing such court shall be of the opinion that  
16 the offense charged is of such a character that the case  
17 of the delinquent should be disposed of by a court of  
18 criminal jurisdiction it shall be the duty of such court  
19 to return the same to the court of quarter sessions and  
20 the delinquent shall thereupon be proceeded against as in

1 other cases in which there is a binding over to said  
2 court by committing magistrates

3 Section 2 Whenever the jurisdiction of a juvenile court  
4 shall attach to any dependent neglected incorrigible or de-  
5 linquent child the said jurisdiction shall continue notwith-  
6 standing that the child may remove or be removed from  
7 the territorial limits of the court with the same force  
8 and effect and for the same length of time as if the  
9 said child had continued to reside within the said terri-  
10 torial limits

11 Section 3 Whenever any dependent child under the age  
12 of sixteen years brought before any juvenile court shall  
13 have a mother maintaining a home the court may in its  
14 discretion commit such child to the custody of its mother  
15 under the supervision of said court and make an order  
16 upon the proper county for such sum for its maintenance  
17 payable to the mother as the court may direct  
18 which order shall thereupon be paid by the said county  
19 unless such county shall have a mothers' pension fund in  
20 operation in which case the court shall refer the de-  
21 pendent child for the consideration of the trustees of  
22 the mothers' pension fund of said county In all such  
23 cases such mother shall make a monthly report of the  
24 condition and behavior of such child to a probation of-  
25 ficer of such court in such form as the court may pre-  
26 scribe which officer shall make a report to the court  
27 once in three months upon a form similarly prescribed

28 Section 4 Whenever there is any question in the mind  
29 of the court as to whether or not a child brought be-

1 fore a juvenile court is defective the said court may  
2 appoint a medical expert to examine the child and re-  
3 port whether it is in fact defective or not the expense  
4 of which examination and report shall be paid by the  
5 proper county on the order of said court