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**LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.**

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**No. 825 Session of  
1919.**

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INTRODUCED BY MR. PALMER, MARCH 10, 1919.

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY GENERAL,  
MARCH 11, 1919.

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**AN ACT**

To further amend the fourth section of an act approved the twenty-third day of April one thousand nine hundred and three (Pamphlet Laws two hundred seventy-four) entitled "An act defining the powers of the 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" as amended

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 section four of an act approved the twenty-third day of  
5 April one thousand nine hundred and three. (Pamphlet  
6 Laws two hundred seventy-four) entitled "An act defining  
7 the powers of the several courts of quarter sessions of  
8 the peace within this Commonwealth with reference to the

1 care treatment and control of dependent neglected incor-  
2 rigible children under the age of sixteen years and pro-  
3 viding for the means in which such power may be ex-  
4 ercised which section as amended by an act approved the  
5 fifteenth day of June one thousand nine hundred and  
6 eleven (Pamphlet Laws nine hundred and fifty-nine) en-  
7 titled "An act amending 'An act defining the powers of  
8 the several courts of quarter sessions of the peace within  
9 this Commonwealth with reference to the care treatment  
10 and control of dependent neglected incorrigible and delin-  
11 quent children under the age of sixteen years and pro-  
12 viding for the means in which such power may be exer-  
13 cised' approved April twenty-third nineteen hundred and  
14 three by empowering the court to enforce the order of  
15 support made upon the parent or parents of the child  
16 under the fourth section of said act in the manner pro-  
17 vided by law in other desertion and non-support cases  
18 brought under the act of April thirteenth eighteen hun-  
19 dred and sixty-seven" reads as follows

20 "Section 4 At the hearing the judge or judges hold-  
21 ing such sessions of the court shall determine after an  
22 inquiry into the facts what order for the commitment  
23 and custody and care of the child the child's own good  
24 and the best interests of the State may require and  
25 may commit such child to the care of its parents sub-  
26 ject to the supervision of a probation officer or to some  
27 suitable institution or the care of some reputable citizen  
28 of good moral character or to the care of some train-  
29 ing school or to an industrial school or to the care of

1 some association willing to receive it and in either case  
2 it shall be within the power of the court to make an  
3 order upon the parent or parents of any such child to  
4 contribute to the support of the child such sum as the  
5 court may determine and the court shall have full power  
6 and authority to refer non-support cases to the desertion  
7 probation officers and to enforce said order of court in  
8 the same way as the court of quarter sessions of the  
9 peace may refer cases and enforce the order for support  
10 made under and by virtue of "An act for the relief of  
11 wives and children deserted by their husbands and fathers  
12 within this Commonwealth" approved the thirteenth day of  
13 April Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-  
14 seven and the supplements thereto which have been here-  
15 tofore or may hereafter be passed it being further pro-  
16 vided that in all cases in which a delinquent child  
17 shall be committed to the care of a reformatory institu-  
18 tion when such child shall be discharged from such in-  
19 stitution the court shall be duly advised thereof and a  
20 record of such discharge shall be kept in the juvenile  
21 court docket" be and the same is hereby amended to  
22 read as follows

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24 ing such sessions of the court shall determine after an  
25 inquiry into the facts what order for the commitment  
26 and custody and care of the child the child's own good  
27 and the best interests of the State may require and  
28 may commit such child to the care of its parents sub-  
29 ject to the supervision of a probation officer or to some

1 reputable citizen of good moral character or to the care  
2 of some training school or to an industrial school or to  
3 the care of some association willing to receive it and  
4 in either case it shall be within the power of the  
5 court to make an order upon the parent or parents or  
6 guardian of any such child to contribute to the support  
7 of the child such sum as the court may determine and  
8 the court shall have full power and authority to refer  
9 non-support cases to the desertion probation officers and  
10 to enforce said order of court in the same way as the  
11 court of quarter sessions of the peace may refer cases  
12 and enforce the order for support made under and by  
13 virtue of "An act for the relief of wives and children  
14 deserted by their husbands and fathers within this Com-  
15 monwealth" approved the thirteenth day of April Anno  
16 Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven and the  
17 supplements thereto which have been heretofore or may  
18 hereafter be passed it being further provided that in all  
19 cases in which a delinquent child shall be committed to  
20 the care of a reformatory institution when such child  
21 shall be discharged from such institution the court shall  
22 be duly advised thereof and a record of such discharge  
23 shall be kept in the juvenile court docket