

## No. 449

## AN ACT

Creating a Commission on Penal Institutions; defining its powers and duties; and making an appropriation.

*Commission on  
Penal Institutions*

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That a commission is hereby created to be known as the Commission on Penal Institutions. The commission shall be composed of five members to be appointed by the Governor. The commission shall organize by selection of a chairman and secretary. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of their duties. The commission shall have power to employ such experts and stenographers as may be deemed necessary and to fix their salaries.

*Duties.*

Section 2. It shall be the duty of said commission to inquire into the advisability of making the State Penitentiary at Rockview a penitentiary, separate and apart from the Western Penitentiary, to be governed and administered under the supervision of a board of trustees appointed by the Governor; to investigate the several State and local penal institutions, their method of administration and the commitment, employment, care, and maintenance of inmates therein, and to suggest methods for the improvement of the same; to study and make recommendations relative to the transfer and retransfer of inmates to and from such institutions; and to inquire into the advisability of providing for the construction of district or central prisons or workhouses for the confinement of prisoners now confined in county and city prisons and workhouses.

*Report.*

Section 3. The commission shall make a report of its work to the Legislature at the session of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, accompanied by such drafts of legislation as it deems advisable to carry its recommendations into effect.

*Appropriation.*

Section 4. The sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated to the commission for the payment of the expenses of the commission, the compensation of experts and stenographers, and for the payment of any other expenses and charges incurred in carrying out the provisions of this act. Payment from said appropriation shall be made, after requisition by the chairman of the commission, by warrant of the Auditor General on the State Treasurer in the manner provided by law.

*Payment.*

APPROVED—The 10th day of May, A. D. 1927.

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