

STATE CHILDREN.

12° GEO. V., No. XIV.

No. 14 of 1921.

AN ACT to amend the State Children Act, 1907-1919.

[Assented to 15th November, 1921.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *State Children Act Amendment Act, 1921*.

No execution or detention in default of payment of fine.

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in sections one hundred and fifty-five, one hundred and fifty-nine, and one hundred and sixty-seven of the Justices Act, 1902-1920, or in section twenty-eight *a* of the State Children Act, 1907-1919, it shall not be obligatory upon the justices sitting as a Children Court to issue any warrant of execution or to impose any alternative of detention in default of payment of a fine by any child.

3. Section ten of the State Children Act, 1907-1919, is amended by adding the following proviso at the end of the section, namely—

Provided that when any recommendation has been made by the Court, such recommendation shall not be departed from without the consent of the Minister.

Amendment of Section 18.

4. Section eighteen of the State Children Act, 1907-1919, is amended by deleting the proviso in subclause three.

Amendment of Sections 59 and 60.

5. Sections fifty-nine and sixty of the State Children Act, 1907-1919, are amended by the deletion of the word "State" wherever it occurs before the word "child" therein.

6. Section sixty of the State Children Act, 1907-1919, is amended by inserting in subsection two thereof after the word "Act" the words "relating to a State child."

Amendment of
Section 60.

7. The powers conferred upon justices in regard to admission to bail may be exercised in the case of children by the Secretary of the State Children Department, or by the Clerk of the Children Court, or by the officer in charge of any Government detention house.

Admission to bail.

8. Section nineteen of the State Children Act, 1907-1919, is hereby amended by the addition to paragraph (b) of the words "and section two of the Public Education Act Amendment Act, 1907," and by striking out in paragraph (c) the words "the Bastardy Laws Act, 1875," and substituting the words "Part V. and section one hundred and fifteen and one hundred and sixteen of this Act."

Amendment of
Section 19.

9. Sections forty-six and forty-seven of the State Children Act, 1907-1919, are hereby amended by the deletion of the word "eighteen" and the substitution therefor of the word "twenty-one."

Amendment
of Section 46.

10. A section is added to Part VII. of the State Children Act, 1907-1919, as follows:—

Power for secretary
or authorised officer
to enter places of
amusement.

95b. (1.) The secretary or any officer authorised in this behalf by the secretary may at all reasonable hours of the day or night enter any theatre, place of amusement, shop, factory, warehouse, or other place in which children are employed, or are reasonably supposed by him to be employed, and may make all such investigations and inquiries relative to such children as he shall consider advisable.

(2.) No person shall resist or obstruct such secretary or officer in the exercise of any power under this section, and any person to whom such secretary or officer shall put any question pursuant to this section shall forthwith answer such question truthfully to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

Penalty: Ten pounds.

11. Whenever any child who has been committed to the care of the State or who has been committed to an institution or who has been convicted under this Act attains the age of

Penalty for pub-
lishing conviction.

eighteen years, the fact of such committal or conviction shall not be maliciously disclosed to any person or admitted as evidence in any court of law.

Penalty: One hundred pounds.

Amendment of
First Schedule.

12. The First Schedule of the State Children Act, 1907-1919, is hereby amended by the insertion therein of a reference to an Act as follows:—

Date.	Short Title.	Extent of Repeal.
39 Vic. No. 8 	The Bastardy Laws Act, 1875	The whole.

Consolidation.

13. The State Children Act, 1907-1919, and this Act may be cited together as the State Children Act, 1907-1921, and all copies of the State Children Act, 1907-1919, hereafter printed by the Government Printer shall be printed as altered by this Act under the supervision of the Clerk of Parliaments, and the amendments made by this Act shall be noted in the margin. In any such reprint the short title shall be altered to the State Children Act, 1907-1921, and the sections thereof shall be renumbered in consecutive order. Sections seven, eight, nine, and eleven of the State Children Act Amendment Act, 1919, being placed following consecutively upon section twenty-two of the State Children Act, 1907-1919.