

Section 15. Any court of record in this Commonwealth, exercising criminal jurisdiction, may, in its discretion, sentence to the State Industrial Home for Women any female over sixteen years of age, upon conviction for, or upon pleading guilty of, the commission of any criminal offense punishable under the laws of this State. After due notice given to all courts of record exercising criminal jurisdiction in this Commonwealth by the board of trustees of said State Industrial Home for Women that the said home is prepared to receive all women so convicted or pleading guilty of an offense punishable by imprisonment for more than a year who shall be sentenced to imprisonment, such sentence in all cases shall be to confinement in said State Industrial Home for Women. [Every sentence imposed pursuant to this act shall be merely a general one to the State Industrial Home for Women, and shall not fix or limit the duration thereof. The duration of such imprisonment, including the time spent on parole, shall not exceed three years, except where the maximum term specified by law for the crime for which the prisoner was sentenced shall exceed that period, in which event such maximum term, including the time spent on parole, shall be the limit of detention under the provisions of this act.] The court in imposing sentence shall not fix a minimum sentence, but shall fix such maximum sentence as the court shall deem appropriate, so long as such maximum sentence does not exceed the maximum term specified by law for the crime for which the prisoner is being sentenced.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 16th day of July, A. D. 1968.

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No. 172

AN ACT

SB 1227

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain

departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," further providing for supervision and control of correctional institutions and facilities by the Department of Justice.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 911, act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," amended December 22, 1965 (P. L. 1215), is amended to read:

Section 911. The Department of Justice shall have the power and its duty shall be to supervise and control the State Correctional Institution at Philadelphia, State Correctional Institution at Pittsburgh, State Correctional Institution at Rockview, State Correctional Institution at Graterford, State Correctional Institution at Huntingdon, State Correctional Institution at Camp Hill, State Correctional Institution at Muncy, [regional correctional facilities and other similar facilities for prisoners including those at nonpenal institutions] State Correctional Institution at Dallas and such State regional jails, forestry camps and other State penal or correctional off-institution grounds, facilities or installations which have been and which may be established by law.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall in no way alter, change, modify or repeal any law of this Commonwealth conferring any power and imposing any duty or in any manner relating to any of the institutions or forestry camps and other penal or correctional off-institution grounds, facilities or installations or to the departments or agencies having supervision or control thereof or to persons committed to and detained therein, but such laws shall be deemed to apply with full force and effect to such institutions, forestry camps and other penal or correctional off-institution grounds, facilities or installations and to persons committed to and detained therein.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 16th day of July, A. D. 1968.

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No. 173

AN ACT

SB 1228

Authorizing establishment of prisoner pre-release centers and work release plans