

**CONTRACTS FOR CARE OF CHILDREN**  
**Act 137 of 1921**

AN ACT authorizing counties of this state to contract with agencies, institutions, and hospitals licensed by the department of consumer and industry services for the aid, care, support, maintenance, treatment, cure, or relief of children.

**History:** 1921, Act 137, Eff. Aug. 18, 1921;—Am. 1996, Act 411, Eff. Jan. 1, 1998.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**722.501 Care of children; agreements by county board of commissioners with agency, institution, or hospital; charges; audit; maximum expenditure; county expense.**

Sec. 1. A county board of commissioners may enter into an agreement or agreements for a period not exceeding 1 year with any agency, institution, or hospital, or agencies, institutions, or hospitals that have been and are for the current year licensed by the department of licensing and regulatory affairs to receive aid, care for, support, maintain, treat, cure, or relieve in or by the agency, institution, or hospital, any poor, sick, distressed, abandoned, or needy children or youth, or children or youth with special health care needs, residing within the county who may be referred to the agency, institution, or hospital by a judge of the family division of circuit court for the county in accordance with the provisions of this act, whether the aid, care, support, maintenance, treatment, cure, or relief is furnished wholly or in part by the agency, institution, or hospital. The proper charges under the contract or contracts shall be audited and paid from time to time by the board of auditors, or by the county board of commissioners of the county in counties not having a board of auditors. A county board of commissioners, before entering into a contract under this section shall fix the maximum amount to be expended for the purposes described in this section during any 1 year, which shall be raised, levied, and collected as part of the general expense of the county.

**History:** 1921, Act 137, Eff. Aug. 18, 1921;—CL 1929, 12877;—CL 1948, 722.501;—Am. 1996, Act 411, Eff. Jan. 1, 1998;—Am. 2015, Act 93, Imd. Eff. June 25, 2015.

**Compiler's note:** The board of corrections and charities, referred to in this section, was abolished and its powers and duties transferred to the department of social welfare by MCL 400.19. The department of social welfare was subsequently transferred to the department of social services by MCL 16.552.

**722.502 Approval of contracts.**

Sec. 2. No contract or agreement entered into under the provisions of this act shall have any binding force until the same shall have been approved by the state board of corrections and charities.

**History:** 1921, Act 137, Eff. Aug. 18, 1921;—CL 1929, 12878;—CL 1948, 722.502.

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**722.503 Judge of family division of circuit court; duties.**

Sec. 3. If a county board of commissioners enters into any contract under section 1, a judge of the family division of circuit court for the county shall refer to the proper agency, institution, or hospital with which the contract has been made, the poor, sick, distressed, abandoned, needy, or child or youth with special health care needs residing in the county as have been provided for by the appropriations made for the purpose in accordance with this act.

**History:** 1921, Act 137, Eff. Aug. 18, 1921;—CL 1929, 12879;—CL 1948, 722.503;—Am. 1996, Act 411, Eff. Jan. 1, 1998;—Am. 2015, Act 94, Imd. Eff. June 25, 2015.

**722.504 Forfeiture of license; effect on contracts.**

Sec. 4. Should the license of any such agency, institution or hospital with which such contract shall have been made be at any time forfeited for any reason, then any contract or contracts existing and unperformed between such agency, institution or hospital and any board of supervisors shall cease, and be null and void.

**History:** 1921, Act 137, Eff. Aug. 18, 1921;—CL 1929, 12880;—CL 1948, 722.504.

**722.505 Repealed. 1996, Act 411, Eff. Jan. 1, 1998.**

**Compiler's note:** The repealed section pertained to construction of act.