

Reformatory Institutions, Charge Of. Girls and Women,
Reformation Of. County, Liability Of.

A county is liable in the sum of ten dollars per month for the support of inmates committed from such county to reformatory institutions.

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Hon. J. M. Kennedy,
Sec. Bureau of Child and Animal Protection,
Helena, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your verbal communication submitting the ques-

tion as to the liability of a county for the support of "erring women and girls" admitted to certain institutions in this state.

Sec. 1 of Chap. 131, Session Laws of 1909, provides that such persons may "be admitted to any institution in this state devoted to the purpose of reclaiming or reforming unchaste women or such as are likely to become so," etc.

The succeeding sections of the said Chapter further describe the character of the persons who may be admitted to such institutions, and prescribed the method to be pursued in their admittance, and also imposes certain duties upon the institution as to annual reports, etc.

Sec. 5 of said Chapter, provides:

"The person, corporation or association conducting any such institution shall be entitled to compensation from the county from which any inmate is sent or admitted as provided in this act, at the rate of ten dollars per month, to be allowed and paid as other claims against the county are paid."

Under the provisions of this law, where persons of the character described in said chapter are admitted to such institutions in the manner prescribed in said chapter, the county is liable as provided in the section above quoted.

Very truly yours,

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Attorney General.