

# State Children Act 1895, South Australia

1895 – 1927

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## Details

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The State Children Act 1895 (No 641 of 58 and 59 Vic, 1895) was fully titled: An Act to amend the Law relating to State Children, and for other purposes. It began on 20 December 1895, and amended the Destitute Persons Act Amendment Act of 1886. The State Children Act 1895 was amended several times, and repealed by the Maintenance Act 1926 on 7 April 1927.

The new Act introduced some minor alterations, including refining the definition of the term 'neglected' child. While earlier definitions had included children whom a parents were 'unable to control', the 1895 Act included children who were deemed by parents to be 'uncontrollable' or 'incorrigible' as neglected. Under this new Act, parents were still responsible for charging their own children and bringing them before justices.

The State Children Act 1895 was the first legislation to define a 'private institution', as an institution established and run by a private body.

The Act had several amendments: Act No.702/1898, Act No.750/1900, Act No.819/1903, Act No.832/1903, Act No.996/1909, Act No.1339/1918.

## More info

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### Chronology

- **State Children Act 1895, South Australia (1895 – 1927)**
  - Maintenance Act 1926, South Australia (1927 - 1972)
  - Community Welfare Act 1972, South Australia (1972 - current)

### Related Entries

#### Related Glossary Terms

- [Uncontrollable \(c. 1867 - 1990s\)](#)
- [Infant Life Protection \(1890s - 1960s\)](#)

The State Children Act 1895 had a section about infant life protection.

#### Amends

- [The Destitute Persons Act Amendment Act 1886, South Australia \(1886 - 1927\)](#)

**Related Organisations**

- [Children's Court of South Australia \(1895 - 1993\)](#)
- [Catholic Girls' Reformatory, Kapunda \(1897 - 1909\)](#)
- [State Children's Council \(1886 - 1927\)](#)

**Is amended by**

- [The State Children Amendment Act 1900, South Australia \(1900 - 1927\)](#)
  - [The State Children Further Amendment Act 1903, South Australia \(1903 - 1927\)](#)
  - [The Destitute Persons and State Children's Acts Amendment Act 1903, South Australia \(1903 - 1927\)](#)
  - [The State Children Amendment Act 1909, South Australia \(1909 - 1927\)](#)
  - [State Children Further Amendment Act 1918, South Australia \(1918 - 1927\)](#)
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