

No. 2001-30

AN ACT

HB 1048

Amending the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274), entitled "An act establishing the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, providing for its powers and duties establishing several advisory committees within the commission and providing for their powers and duties," further providing for composition of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and for powers and duties of the commission; changing the name of the Juvenile Advisory Committee; providing for the powers and duties of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee; and further providing for the membership of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee.

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

Section 1. Section 2(b) of the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274), referred to as the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law, amended December 15, 1999 (P.L.922, No.60), is amended to read:

Section 2. Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

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(b) Composition.—The commission shall consist of the following members:

- (1) The Attorney General.
- (2) The Chief Justice of Pennsylvania.
- (3) The Court Administrator of Pennsylvania.
- (4) A judge of a court of common pleas.
- (5) Commissioner of State Police.
- (6) The chairmen of the House and Senate Majority Appropriations Committees.
- (7) The chairman of the Juvenile [Advisory] *Justice and Delinquency Prevention* Committee.
- (8) Four members of the General Assembly, of whom one shall be designated by, and serve at the pleasure of the President pro tempore of the Senate, one by the Minority Leader of the Senate, one by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.
- (9) [Four] *Seven* members appointed by the Governor, one representative of local law enforcement agencies, one representative of [adult correctional rehabilitative agencies] *local correctional facilities*, one representative of local elected officials [and], one district attorney representative, *one representative of county sheriffs, one representative of a local victims' service agency and one representative of county commissioners.*

(10) Seven private citizens appointed by the Governor, at least two of which serve on the Juvenile [Advisory] *Justice and Delinquency Prevention* Committee.

(11) Secretary of Corrections.

(12) The Victim Advocate.

(13) *Secretary of Public Welfare.*

(14) *Secretary of Education.*

(15) *Secretary of Health.*

(16) *Chairman of the Board of Probation and Parole.*

(17) *Executive Director of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission.*

[(13)] (18) Such additional members appointed by the Governor as are necessary to implement programs authorized by State and Federal law.

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Section 2. Section 3(7) of the act is amended and the section is amended by adding paragraphs to read:

Section 3. Powers and duties of the commission.

The commission shall have the power and its duty shall be:

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(6.1) *To define and collaborate with all State agencies on planning and programming related to juvenile delinquency prevention and the reduction and prevention of violence by and against children.*

(6.2) *To design and promote comprehensive research-based initiatives to assist communities and community-based organizations in reducing risk to and promoting the positive development of children and in preventing juvenile delinquency and youth violence.*

(6.3) *To provide support to law enforcement and community partnerships whose mission includes comprehensive, targeted crime prevention efforts and a planning process for the revitalization of high-crime and distressed communities.*

(7) To define, develop and [correlate] *coordinate* programs and projects and establish priorities for crime prevention and for improvement in law enforcement [and], criminal justice[, including] *and* juvenile justice [and delinquency prevention,] throughout [the] *this* Commonwealth.

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Section 3. Sections 6 heading and (a) and 7 of the act, amended or added December 17, 1981 (P.L.429, No.134), are amended to read:

Section 6. Juvenile [Advisory] *Justice and Delinquency Prevention* Committee.

(a) Establishment and membership.—There is hereby established the Juvenile [Advisory] *Justice and Delinquency Prevention* Committee within the commission. The members of the committee shall be appointed by the Governor and shall include representation of units of local government, law enforcement and juvenile justice agency probation

personnel, juvenile court judges, *the Executive Director of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission*, public and private agencies and organizations concerned with delinquency prevention or treatment and services to delinquency prevention or treatment and services to dependent children, community-based prevention in-treatment programs, organizations concerned with the quality of juvenile justice or that utilize volunteers to work with delinquent or dependent children, businesses employing youth, youth workers involved with alternative youth programs, persons with special experience and competence in addressing the problem of school violence and vandalism and the problem of learning disabilities and representatives of public agencies concerned with special education. Members shall serve for a four-year term, and may be appointed for no more than one additional consecutive term.

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Section 7. Powers and duties of the Juvenile [Advisory] *Justice and Delinquency Prevention* Committee.

The Juvenile [Advisory] *Justice and Delinquency Prevention* Committee shall have the power, and its duty shall be:

(1) Serve in an advisory capacity to the commission through the committee's participation in the development of that part of the commission's comprehensive plan relating to juvenile justice and delinquency prevention.

(2) Those functions related to the direct approval and disbursement of financial assistance shall be in an advisory capacity only, but the advisory committee shall have the opportunity to review and comment on such applications within 30 days after receipt of the application from the commission.

(3) To advise the commission on the definition, development and correlation of programs and projects and the establishment of priorities for juvenile justice and delinquency prevention.

(4) To develop standards, methods and procedures for evaluating and monitoring services for delinquent and dependent children.

(5) Upon request provide whatever assistance and advice to the commission on any other matters relating to juvenile justice and delinquency prevention.

(6) Staff support shall be made available to the Juvenile [Advisory] *Justice and Delinquency Prevention* Committee by the executive director in order to adequately perform the duties provided for in this section.

(7) Submit to the Governor and the General Assembly such reports as may be required by Federal Law.

(8) *To advise the commission in defining and collaborating with all State agencies on planning and programming related to juvenile delinquency prevention and the reduction and prevention of violence by and against children.*

(9) To advise and assist the commission in designing and promoting comprehensive research-based initiatives to assist communities and community-based organizations in reducing risk to and promoting the positive development of children and in preventing juvenile delinquency and youth violence.

Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 22nd day of June, A.D. 2001.

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