No. 2001-46

AN ACT

HB 343

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 powers and duties of the commission.

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

Section 1. Section 3 of the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274), referred to as the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law, is amended by adding a paragraph 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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(17) To prepare and present upon the request of the chairman of a committee to which the bill has been referred a prison population impact analysis of any bill introduced in the General Assembly that would have an impact on prison or correction systems as well as on State and local probation and parole populations and programs. The analysis shall be factual and, if possible, provide a reliable estimate of the prison population impact of the bill and shall be completed and presented to the committee whose chairman requests the analysis and to the Governor within 45 days of the initial request. The commission shall prepare the analysis in consultation with the Department of Corrections, the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole and the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, as appropriate. A request for a prison population impact analysis shall have no effect whatsoever upon the method, manner or ability of the General Assembly to consider any bill.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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