

No. 188

AN ACT

SB 252

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," imposing powers and duties on the Attorney General relative to criminal statistics, and imposing reporting duties on certain agencies and officers.

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

Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," is amended by adding at the end of Article IX, two new sections to read:

Section 924. Duties of the Attorney General Relative to Criminal Statistics.—The Attorney General shall have the power and his duty shall be:

- (1) To collect data necessary from all persons and agencies mentioned in section 919 of this act and from any other appropriate source;***
- (2) To prepare and distribute to all such persons and agencies, cards or other forms used in reporting data to the Attorney General. Such cards or forms may, in addition to other items, include items of information needed by Federal bureaus or departments engaged in the development of national and uniform criminal statistics;***
- (3) To request the form and content of records which must be kept by such persons and agencies in order to insure the correct reporting of data to the Attorney General;***
- (4) To instruct such persons and agencies in the installation, maintenance, and use of such records and in the reporting of data to the Attorney General;***
- (5) To process, tabulate, analyze and interpret the data collected from such persons and agencies;***
- (6) To supply, at their request, to Federal bureaus or departments***

engaged in the collection of national criminal statistics data they need from this Commonwealth;

(7) To present to the Governor and the members of the General Assembly on or before July 1 of each year a report containing the criminal statistics of the preceding calendar year and to present at such other times as the Attorney General deems necessary reports on the special aspects of criminal statistics. The annual report shall contain statistics showing: (i) the number and types of offenses known to the public authorities; (ii) the personal and social characteristics of criminals and delinquents; and (iii) the administrative actions taken by law enforcement, judicial, penal, and correctional agencies in dealing with criminals or delinquents;

(8) The Attorney General, at the request of any of the following, may assist or advise in a statistical and research capacity the Bureau of Correction, the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission and the State Court Administrator;

(9) It shall be the duty of the Attorney General to give adequate interpretation of such statistics and so to present the information that it may be of value in guiding the policies of the General Assembly and of those in charge of the apprehension, prosecution, and treatment of the criminals and delinquents, or concerned with the present state of crime and delinquency. The report shall include also statistics which are comparable with national uniform criminal statistics published by Federal bureaus or departments heretofore mentioned;

(10) The Attorney General shall take advantage of all available Federal funds and establish new programs as well as undertake a continuous analysis of future data needs.

Section 925. Duties of Public Agencies and Officers in Reporting Criminal Statistics.—It shall be the duty of every constable, chief of police, county police force, sheriff, coroner, district attorney, probation officer and of the Bureau of Correction in the Department of Justice, the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, the Department of Public Welfare, State Fire Marshal, Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, magistrates, the Philadelphia Municipal and Traffic Courts, aldermen, justices of the peace, county prison wardens, and every other person or agency dealing with crimes or criminals or with delinquency or delinquents, when requested by the Attorney General:

(1) To install and maintain records and recording systems needed for the correct reporting of statistical data required by the Attorney General;

(2) To report statistical data to the Attorney General at such times and in such manner as the Attorney General prescribes;

(3) To give to the Attorney General, or his accredited agent, access

to statistical data for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the Attorney General relative to criminal statistics.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 13th day of January, A. D. 1970.

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The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 188.



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Secretary of the Commonwealth.