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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 15, 1991

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled  
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the  
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the  
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative  
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,  
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or  
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or  
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative  
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and  
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative  
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,  
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the  
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive  
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of  
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and  
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,  
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the  
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other  
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and  
20 commissions shall be determined," establishing conditions and  
21 restrictions on juvenile justice grants to political  
22 subdivisions; making appropriations; and making an editorial  
23 change.

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

26 Section 1. Sections 905.1 and 905.2 of the act of April 9,  
27 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of  
28 1929, added July 2, 1968 (P.L.294, No.147), are amended to read:

1       Section 905.1. Power to Make Grants.--[The Department of  
2 Justice] (a) The Office of General Counsel, by and through the  
3 Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, shall have the power, and its  
4 duty shall be to make annual grants to political subdivisions  
5 for the development and improvement of probation services for  
6 juveniles.

7       (b) A county which employs probation staff to provide  
8 juvenile probation services and programs shall receive a grant  
9 from the Office of General Counsel through the Juvenile Court  
10 Judges' Commission to offset the resulting cost, but only if  
11 staff, services and programs meet the qualifications and  
12 standards established by the commission. Likewise, a county  
13 which employs additional staff for new or improved probation  
14 services or programs shall be eligible to receive a grant for  
15 the additional cost incurred, but only to the extent that  
16 additional staff, services and programs meet the qualifications  
17 and standards established by the commission.

18       (c) For the fiscal year 1991-1992 and thereafter, the  
19 principal grant shall provide eighty per centum (80%) of the  
20 personnel salary costs incurred by a county to administer  
21 juvenile probation services pursuant to standards established by  
22 the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission. The commission shall  
23 establish guidelines for the allocation of these grants.

24       (d) In addition to these grants, the Juvenile Court Judges'  
25 Commission, upon approval of the Office of General Counsel and  
26 depending on available moneys, shall make grants to political  
27 subdivisions to provide training and graduate education of  
28 juvenile probation officers, to develop new and innovative  
29 juvenile justice programming at the local level and to conduct  
30 research on juvenile justice issues.

1       Section 905.2. Acceptance or Refusal of Grants.--The  
2 [Department of Justice] Office of General Counsel shall have the  
3 power, and its duty shall be to accept or refuse grants,  
4 appropriations or contributions of property, whether real,  
5 personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest  
6 therein, for the purposes described in section 905.1 from the  
7 Federal Government, the Commonwealth, and any donor. All grants,  
8 appropriations and contributions of money accepted by the  
9 [Department of Justice] Office of General Counsel shall be held  
10 by the State Treasurer as custodian for the [Department of  
11 Justice] Office of General Counsel, and shall be paid out on  
12 requisition of the [Department of Justice] Office of General  
13 Counsel to further the objectives of section 905.1.

14       Section 2. The following sums are hereby appropriated to the  
15 Office of General Counsel to carry out the purposes of this act:

16           (1) The sum of \$18,500,000, or as much thereof as may be  
17 necessary, is hereby appropriated for the development and  
18 improvement of juvenile probation services under section  
19 905.1(b) and (c) of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,  
20 No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929.

21           (2) The sum of \$925,000, or as much thereof as may be  
22 necessary, is hereby appropriated for the support of training  
23 and graduate education of juvenile probation officers, for  
24 program development and for research under section 905.1(d)  
25 of The Administrative Code of 1929.

26       Section 3. In a year in which moneys are appropriated to  
27 carry out the provisions of section 905.1(b) and (c) of the act  
28 of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative  
29 Code of 1929, either the sum of \$925,000 or 5% of the amount  
30 appropriated to carry out section 905.1(b) and (c) of the act,

1   whichever amount is greater, shall be appropriated to carry out  
2   the provisions of section 905.1(d) of the act.

3       Section 4.   This act shall take effect July 1, 1991.