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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 2301 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY BIRMELIN, JOSEPHS, E. Z. TAYLOR, DeWEESE,  
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THOMAS, GORDNER, MELIO, WILT, EVANS, HESS, DERMODY, ORIE,  
TRELLO, C. WILLIAMS, LEH, BENNINGHOFF, CIVERA AND STABACK,  
MARCH 11, 1998

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 11, 1998

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274),  
2 entitled "An act establishing the Pennsylvania Commission on  
3 Crime and Delinquency, providing for its powers and duties  
4 establishing several advisory committees within the  
5 commission and providing for their powers and duties,"  
6 further providing for the powers and duties of the  
7 Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

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

10 Section 1. Section 3 of the act of November 22, 1978  
11 (P.L.1166, No.274), referred to as the Pennsylvania Commission  
12 on Crime and Delinquency Law, is amended by adding a paragraph  
13 to read:

14 Section 3. Powers and duties of the commission.

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

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17 (17) To prepare and present to the Governor and the

1 General Assembly an analysis of any bill introduced in the  
2 General Assembly that would have an impact on prison or jail  
3 systems, as well as on State and local probation and parole  
4 populations and programs. The analysis shall be factual and,  
5 if possible, provide a reliable estimate of both the  
6 immediate cost and effect of the bill and, if determinable or  
7 reasonably foreseeable, the long-range fiscal cost and effect  
8 of the bill. The commission shall prepare the analysis at the  
9 written request of the Chairman or Minority Chairman of the  
10 Senate Judiciary Committee, the Chairman or Minority Chairman  
11 of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives,  
12 the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the Majority  
13 Leader or Minority Leader of the House of Representatives  
14 within 45 days of the initial request. The request shall have  
15 no effect whatsoever upon the method, manner or ability of  
16 the General Assembly to consider any bill. The commission may  
17 supplement an analysis prepared and presented under this  
18 paragraph with additional information at any time.  
19 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.