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YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 19, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 19, 2001

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 composition of the Pennsylvania
7 Commission on Crime and Delinquency, for powers and duties of
8 the commission and for the membership of the Juvenile
9 Advisory Committee.

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

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

16 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 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] Six 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, and one representative of a local victims' service agency.

(10) Seven private citizens appointed by the Governor, at least two of which serve on the Juvenile Advisory Committee.

(11) Secretary of Corrections.

(12) The Victim Advocate.

(13) Secretary of Public Welfare.

(14) Secretary of Education.

1 (15) Secretary of Health.

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

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

5 [(13)] (18) Such additional members appointed by the
6 Governor as are necessary to implement programs authorized by
7 State and Federal law.

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

11 Section 3. Powers and duties of the commission.

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

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14 (6.1) To define and coordinate the planning and
15 programming of all State agencies related to juvenile
16 delinquency prevention and the reduction of violence by and
17 against children.

18 (6.2) To design, promote and coordinate comprehensive
19 research-based initiatives to assist communities and
20 community-based organizations in reducing risk to and
21 promoting the positive development of children and in
22 preventing juvenile delinquency and youth violence.

23 (6.3) To provide support to law enforcement and
24 community partnerships whose mission includes comprehensive,
25 targeted crime prevention efforts and a planning process for
26 the revitalization of high-crime and distressed communities.

27 (7) To define, develop and [correlate] coordinate
28 programs and projects and establish priorities for crime
29 prevention and for improvement in law enforcement [and],
30 criminal justice[, including] and juvenile justice [and

delinquency prevention,] throughout [the] this Commonwealth.

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Section 3. Section 6(a) of the act, amended December 17, 1981 (P.L.429, No.134), is amended to read:

Section 6. Juvenile Advisory Committee.

(a) Establishment and membership.--There is hereby established the Juvenile Advisory 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 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.