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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 25, 2003

AN ACT

1 Establishing the Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Reporting Program;
2 requiring all county and municipal law enforcement agencies
3 to report certain information occurring within the respective
4 jurisdictions; and authorizing the Pennsylvania State Police
5 to collect and gather information on crime and make annual
6 reports.

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

9 Section 1. Short title.

10 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Pennsylvania
11 Uniform Crime Reporting Act.

12 Section 2. Definitions.

13 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
14 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
15 context clearly indicates otherwise:

16 "Program." The Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Reporting Program
17 established by this act to provide a Statewide view of crime
18 trends and volume based on the contribution of statistics by law
19 enforcement agencies throughout this Commonwealth.

1 "State, county and local law enforcement agencies." The
2 Pennsylvania State Police and any city, borough, town, township
3 or county police agency or organization that possesses general
4 police powers and is charged with making arrests in connection
5 with the enforcement of criminal or traffic laws and employs law
6 enforcement officers duly certified under the former act of June
7 18, 1974 (P.L.359, No.120), referred to as the Municipal Police
8 Education and Training Law, or 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D
9 (relating to municipal police education and training).

10 "System" or "PAUCRS." A World Wide Web-based data collection
11 and dissemination system used to facilitate operation of the
12 Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

13 Section 3. Establishment of Pennsylvania Uniform Crime
14 Reporting Program.

15 The Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Reporting Program is
16 established under the direction, control and supervision of the
17 Pennsylvania State Police. The Pennsylvania State Police shall,
18 by such rules and regulations as the Pennsylvania State Police
19 may deem necessary, collect and gather the information from
20 State, county and local law enforcement agencies as may be
21 prescribed in this act. The program shall include a procedure
22 for notifying county and local law enforcement agencies that are
23 not compliant with their reporting requirements that they are
24 ineligible to receive any portion of fines collected and
25 distributed under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 35, Subch. E (relating to
26 fines, etc.) or any grant administered by the Pennsylvania
27 Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

28 Section 4. Monthly contribution.

29 All State, county and local law enforcement agencies shall
30 contribute statistical information related to number and nature

1 of offenses occurring within their respective jurisdictions, the
2 disposition of such matters, and such other related information
3 as the Pennsylvania State Police may require. Such contributions
4 shall be consistent with established program guidelines, in a
5 manner as prescribed by the Pennsylvania State Police, and shall
6 reflect monthly increments.

7 Section 5. Compilation of statistics.

8 Upon receipt of the information, the Pennsylvania State
9 Police shall have such data collated and formulated and shall
10 compile such statistics as the Pennsylvania State Police may
11 deem necessary to present a proper depiction of the nature and
12 volume of crime within this Commonwealth.

13 Section 6. Annual report.

14 The Pennsylvania State Police shall electronically publish an
15 annual report containing results of the information gathered and
16 collated for access by the Governor, the General Assembly, the
17 Attorney General and the public through the system.

18 Section 7. Dissemination of law enforcement agency information.

19 Annually, or at intervals as requested by the Pennsylvania
20 State Police, the Municipal Police Officers' Education and
21 Training Commission shall provide the Pennsylvania State Police
22 with information related to those Pennsylvania law enforcement
23 agencies known to be in existence. Such information shall be
24 correlated with program data on file to identify law enforcement
25 agencies with incomplete data. A listing of such law enforcement
26 agencies shall be included in the annual report. A current
27 listing of such agencies shall also be made available for timely
28 public access through the output reporting capabilities of the
29 system.

30 Section 8. Repeal.

1 All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar as they are
2 inconsistent with this act.

3 Section 9. Implementation.

4 Implementation of the provisions of this act by the
5 Pennsylvania State Police is contingent upon the availability of
6 funding to facilitate changes as may be required in the program
7 and the system.

8 Section 10. Effective date.

9 This act shall take effect in 60 days.