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 AND BRADFORD, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

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 providing for Women and Girls Committee.

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

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

12 Section 7.3. Women and Girls Committee.

13 (a) Establishment.--The Women and Girls Committee is
 14 established within the commission.

15 (b) Composition.--The members of the committee shall be
 16 appointed by the chairperson of the commission and shall include
 17 representatives from:

18 (1) The Criminal Justice Advisory Committee.

1 (2) The Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee.

2 (3) The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
3 Committee.

4 (4) The Disproportionate Minority Contact Subcommittee.

5 (5) The Diversion Subcommittee.

6 (6) The System Enhancement Subcommittee.

7 (7) The Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee.

8 (8) The Research, Evaluation, Data Collection and
9 Analysis Advisory Committee.

10 The chairperson of the commission may appoint representatives
11 from other relevant committees or subcommittees as determined by
12 the commission.

13 (c) Term.--Members shall serve for a four-year term and may
14 be reappointed for no more than one additional consecutive term.

15 (d) Number.--The committee shall consist of no less than
16 nine members and no more than 15 members.

17 (e) Quorum.--A majority of the members shall constitute a
18 quorum and a vote of the majority of the members present shall
19 be sufficient for all actions.

20 (f) Chairperson.--The chairperson of the commission shall
21 appoint a committee chairperson from among the members of the
22 committee who shall serve at the pleasure of the chairperson of
23 the commission. A vice chairperson shall be designated by the
24 chairperson and preside at meetings in the absence of the
25 chairperson. The committee shall meet at the call of the
26 chairperson, but not less than two times annually.

27 (g) Powers and duties.--The Women and Girls Committee shall:

28 (1) Share research, program development, policy changes,
29 data and other information originating in each committee or
30 subcommittee on topics affecting system-involved girls and

1 women.

2 (2) Prepare and periodically update a plan that:

3 (i) Promotes the overall well-being of system-
4 involved girls and women.

5 (ii) Develops policies that address current issues
6 identified by committee members impacting at-risk women
7 and girls and those reentering the community after being
8 system-involved.

9 (3) Advise the commission on issues negatively impacting
10 girls and women in the juvenile justice system.

11 (4) Identify comprehensive, evidence-based initiatives
12 that address the trend of students with disciplinary problems
13 at school being forced into the juvenile and criminal justice
14 system.

15 (h) Staff support.--The executive director of the commission
16 shall make staff support available to the committee in order for
17 the committee to adequately perform the duties provided for
18 under this section.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.