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## AN ACT

1 Establishing the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and  
2 Delinquency, providing for its powers and duties establishing  
3 several advisory committees within the commission and  
4 providing for their powers and duties.

5 The General Assembly finds and declares that:

6 (a) crime and delinquency are essentially State and local  
7 problems;

8 (b) crime and delinquency are complex social phenomena  
9 requiring the attention and efforts of the criminal justice  
10 system, State and local governments, and private citizens alike;

11 (c) the establishment of appropriate goals, objectives and  
12 standards for the reduction of crime and delinquency and for the  
13 administration of justice must be a priority concern;

14 (d) the functions of the criminal justice system must be  
15 coordinated more efficiently and effectively;

16 (e) the full and effective use of resources affecting State  
17 and local criminal justice systems requires the complete

1 cooperation of State and local government agencies; and  
2 (f) training, research, evaluation, technical assistance and  
3 public education activities must be encouraged and focused on  
4 the improvement of the criminal justice system and the  
5 generation of new methods for the prevention and reduction of  
6 crime and delinquency.

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

9 Section 1. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
11 have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the  
12 meanings given to them in this section:

13 "Commission." The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and  
14 Delinquency.

15 Section 2. Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

16 (a) Establishment.--There is hereby established the  
17 Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency as an  
18 administrative commission ~~of the Executive Department.~~ IN THE <—  
19 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

20 (b) Composition.--The commission shall consist of 18 members  
21 as follows:

22 (1) The Attorney General.

23 (2) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of  
24 Pennsylvania.

25 (3) The Court Administrator of Pennsylvania.

26 (4) A judge of a court of common pleas.

27 (5) Commissioner of State Police.

28 (6) THE CHAIRMEN OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE MAJORITY <—  
29 APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES.

30 ~~(6)~~ (7) Four members of the General Assembly, of whom <—

1 one shall be designated by, and serve at the pleasure of the  
2 President Pro tempore of the Senate, one by the Minority  
3 Leader of the Senate, one by the Speaker of the House of  
4 Representatives and one by the Minority Leader of the House  
5 of Representatives.

6 ~~(7)~~ (8) Five members appointed by the Governor, one <—  
7 representative of local law enforcement agencies, one  
8 representative of juvenile correctional or rehabilitative  
9 agencies which shall also serve as Chairman of the Juvenile  
10 Advisory Committee and one representative of adult  
11 correctional rehabilitative agencies, one representative of  
12 local elected officials and one district attorney  
13 representative.

14 ~~(8)—Four~~ (9) SEVEN private citizens appointed by the <—  
15 Governor, at least two of which serve on the Juvenile  
16 Advisory Committee.

17 (c) Judicial appointment.--The judge of a court of common  
18 pleas and the district justice or municipal court judge shall be  
19 appointed by the Governor from a list of no less than three  
20 nominees for each position submitted by the Chief Justice. If  
21 the Chief Justice cannot or does not choose to serve, an  
22 Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania shall be  
23 appointed by the Governor from a list of no less than three  
24 nominees submitted by the Chief Justice. If the Court  
25 Administrator cannot or does not choose to serve, another  
26 appropriate judicial administrative officer of the State shall  
27 be appointed by the Governor from a list of no less than three  
28 nominees submitted by the Chief Justice.

29 (d) Term of office.--Except for the Chief Justice of the  
30 Supreme Court members shall serve for a four year term, and may

1 be appointed for no more than one additional consecutive term.  
2 The terms of those members who serve by virtue of the public  
3 office they hold shall be concurrent with their service in the  
4 office from which they derive their membership.

5 (e) Vacancies.--Should any member cease to be an officer or  
6 employee of the agency he is appointed to represent, his  
7 membership on the commission shall terminate immediately and a  
8 new member shall be appointed in the same manner as his  
9 predecessor to fill the unexpired portion of a term. Other  
10 vacancies occurring, except those by the expiration of a term,  
11 shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the  
12 same manner as the original appointment.

13 (f) Initial appointments.--Of the members first appointed by  
14 the Governor after the effective date of this act, one-half  
15 shall serve for a term of two years, one quarter shall serve for  
16 a term of three years, and one-quarter shall serve for a term of  
17 four years; provided that a member appointed to succeed another  
18 member whose term has not expired shall be appointed for the  
19 period of the unexpired term, and subsequently may be appointed  
20 for a four-year term.

21 (g) Chairman.--The chairman shall be chosen from among the  
22 members by a majority of the commission and shall serve a two-  
23 year term. A vice chairman shall be designated by the chairman  
24 and shall preside at meetings in the absence of the chairman.

25 (h) Quorum.--Ten members shall constitute a quorum and a  
26 vote of the majority of the members present shall be sufficient  
27 for all actions.

28 (i) Termination of appointment.--Three consecutive unexcused  
29 absences from regular monthly meetings, except for temporary  
30 illness, or failure to attend at least 50% of the regularly

1 called meetings in any calendar year shall be considered cause  
2 for termination of appointment.

3 (j) Compensation and expenses.--Members who are not  
4 Commonwealth officers or State, county, or municipal employees  
5 shall be paid \$75 a day for attendance at any official meeting.  
6 Reasonable expenses incurred by members shall be allowed and  
7 paid upon the presentation of itemized vouchers therefor.

8 (k) Executive director.--An executive director shall be  
9 appointed by the chairman upon the advice and consent of a  
10 majority of the members. The executive director and associate  
11 directors shall be paid such compensation as the commission may  
12 determine.

13 (l) Employees.--The executive director may employ such  
14 personnel and contract for such consulting services as may be  
15 necessary and authorized to carry out the purposes of this act.  
16 The executive director shall appoint the deputy directors upon  
17 the advice and consent of a majority of the advisory committee  
18 members. ~~Personnel~~ EXCEPT FOR PERSONNEL EMPLOYED AT THE REGIONAL <—  
19 LEVEL FOR PERFORMING DUTIES FOR THE REGIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S  
20 JUSTICE COMMISSION ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT WHO SHALL  
21 NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT OF AUGUST 5, 1941  
22 (P.L.752, NO.286), ALL OTHER PERSONNEL employed for the purposes  
23 of carrying out the duties prescribed in this act for advisory  
24 committees shall be appointed with the consent of the associate  
25 directors for those committees. Staff other than the executive  
26 director, and associate directors for the advisory committees,  
27 shall be employed in accordance with and subject to the  
28 provisions of the act of August 5, 1941 (P.L.752, No.286), known  
29 as the "Civil Service Act."

30 (m) Advisory committees.--The commission may establish such

1 advisory committees, in addition to those provided for in this  
2 act, as it deems advisable but only the commission may set  
3 policy or take other official action. Members of advisory  
4 committees shall serve without compensation but may be  
5 reimbursed for necessary travel and other expenses in accordance  
6 with applicable law and regulations.

7 (n) Meetings.--All meetings of the commission and of its  
8 advisory committees, at which formal action is taken, shall  
9 conform to the act of July 19, 1974 (P.L.486, No.175), referred  
10 to as the Public Agency Open Meeting Law.

11 (o) Records.--The commission and any advisory committee  
12 established for the purposes of this act shall provide for  
13 public access to all records relating to its functions under  
14 this act, except such records as are required to be kept  
15 confidential by any provision of State or Federal law.

16 (p) State Planning Agency.--The commission is hereby  
17 designated as the State Planning Agency for the purposes of the  
18 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (Public Law  
19 90-351), as amended, and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency  
20 Prevention Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-415), as amended.

21 Section 3. Powers and duties of the commission.

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

23 (1) To prepare and periodically update a comprehensive  
24 juvenile and criminal justice plan on behalf of the  
25 Commonwealth based on an analysis of the Commonwealth's  
26 criminal justice needs and problems, including juvenile  
27 justice and delinquency prevention.

28 (2) To apply for, contract for, receive, allocate,  
29 disburse and account for funds, grants-in-aid, grants of  
30 services and property, real and personal, particularly those

1 funds made available pursuant to the Omnibus Crime Control  
2 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (Public Law 90-351), as amended,  
3 and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of  
4 1974 (Public Law 93-415), as amended.

5 (3) To receive applications for financial assistance  
6 from State agencies, units of general local government and  
7 combinations thereof, private nonprofit organizations and  
8 other proper applicants, and to disburse available Federal  
9 and State funds to such applicants in accordance with the  
10 provisions of applicable statutes and regulations and in  
11 conformity with the comprehensive plan.

12 (4) To establish such fund accounting, auditing,  
13 monitoring and evaluation procedures as may be necessary to  
14 assure fiscal control, proper management and disbursement of  
15 grant funds and to establish such procedures as may be  
16 necessary to assure compliance with nondiscrimination  
17 requirements.

18 (5) To audit the books and records of recipients of  
19 financial assistance and of their contractors and, for the  
20 purpose of such audits, to have access to all pertinent books  
21 and records required to be kept by recipients of financial  
22 assistance and by their contractors. The commission shall  
23 have the power to subpoena witnesses, books, records and  
24 papers in the execution of its auditing responsibilities and,  
25 upon certification to it of failure to obey and such  
26 subpoena, the Commonwealth Court is empowered after hearing  
27 to enter, when proper, an adjudication of contempt and such  
28 other order as the circumstances require.

29 (6) To monitor and evaluate program effectiveness,  
30 funded in whole or in part by the Commonwealth through the

1 commission aimed at reducing or preventing crime and  
2 delinquency and improving the administration of justice as  
3 deemed appropriate.

4 (7) To define, develop and correlate programs and  
5 projects and establish priorities for crime prevention and  
6 for improvement in law enforcement and criminal justice,  
7 including juvenile justice and delinquency prevention,  
8 throughout the Commonwealth.

9 (8) Provide for an ongoing forum in which leaders and  
10 recognized professionals of juvenile and criminal justice  
11 programs for both the public and private sectors to discuss  
12 major issues and philosophical concerns confronting the  
13 Commonwealth's justice system. The forum shall serve to  
14 promote communications and coordination between the agencies,  
15 but shall not be involved in the direct disposition nor  
16 management of applications for State or Federal assistance.  
17 The chairman of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and  
18 Delinquency shall serve as the chairman of the forum and  
19 shall appoint no more than 30 members from a list of three  
20 names submitted by each organization or agency. The forum  
21 shall meet at the call of the chairman but not less than four  
22 times a year.

23 (9) To cooperate with and render technical assistance to  
24 the General Assembly or a standing committee of the General  
25 Assembly, State agencies, units of general local government  
26 and public and private agencies relating to the improvement  
27 of the criminal and juvenile justice system, including the  
28 implementation of special conferences or workshops relating  
29 to special issues or professional improvement of criminal  
30 justice organizations.



(10) To establish, and the chairman of the commission appoint, such subcommittees as it deems proper.

(11) To submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly concerning its work during the preceding fiscal year. Other studies, evaluations and reports may be submitted to the Governor or the General Assembly as deemed appropriate.

(12) To promulgate such rules and regulations as the commission deems necessary for the proper administration of this act.

Section 4. Duties of the commission relative to criminal statistics.

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

(1) To obtain data necessary from all persons and agencies listed in section 5 and from any other appropriate source.

(2) To prepare and distribute to all such persons and agencies, cards or other forms used in reporting data to the commission. Such cards or forms may, in addition to other items, include items of information needed by Federal bureaus or departments engaged in the development of national and uniform criminal statistics.

(3) To request the form and content of records which must be kept by such persons and agencies in order to insure the correct reporting of data to the commission.

(4) To instruct such persons and agencies in the installation, maintenance and use of such records and in the reporting of data to the commission.

(5) To process, tabulate, analyze and interpret the data obtained from such persons and agencies.

1           (6) To supply, at their request, to Federal bureaus or  
2 departments engaged in the collection of national criminal  
3 statistics data they need from this Commonwealth.

4           (7) To present to the Governor and the members of the  
5 General Assembly on or before July 1 of each year a report  
6 containing the criminal statistics of the preceding calendar  
7 year and to present at such other times as the commission  
8 deems necessary reports on the special aspects of criminal  
9 and juvenile statistics. The annual report shall contain  
10 statistics showing:

11               (i) the number and types of offenses known to the  
12 public authorities;

13               (ii) the personal and social characteristics of  
14 criminals and delinquents; and

15               (iii) the administrative actions taken by law  
16 enforcement, judicial, penal and correctional agencies in  
17 dealing with criminals or delinquents.

18           (8) The commission, at the request of any of the  
19 following, may assist or advise in a statistical and research  
20 capacity the Bureau of Correction, the Pennsylvania Board of  
21 Probation and Parole, the Pennsylvania State Police, the  
22 Juvenile Court Judges' Commission and the State Court  
23 Administrator.

24           (9) It shall be the duty of the commission to give  
25 adequate interpretation of such statistics and so to present  
26 the information that it may be of value in guiding the  
27 policies of the commission and of those in charge of the  
28 apprehension, prosecution and treatment of the criminals and  
29 delinquents, or concerned with the present state of crime and  
30 delinquency. The report shall include also statistics which

1 are comparable with national uniform criminal statistics  
2 published by Federal bureaus or departments heretofore  
3 mentioned.

4 (10) The commission shall take advantage of all  
5 available Federal funds and establish new programs as well as  
6 undertake a continuous analysis of future data needs.

7 Section 5. Duties of public agencies and officers in reporting  
8 criminal statistics.

9 It shall be the duty of every constable, chief of police,  
10 county police force, sheriff, coroner, district attorney, chief  
11 probation officer and of the Bureau of Correction in the  
12 Department of Justice, the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and  
13 Parole, the Pennsylvania State Police, the State Court  
14 Administrator, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, the  
15 Department of Public Welfare, State Fire Marshal, Pennsylvania  
16 Liquor Control Board, the Philadelphia Municipal and Traffic  
17 Courts, justices of the peace, county prison wardens, and every  
18 other person or agency dealing with crimes or criminals or with  
19 delinquency or delinquents, when requested by the commission:

20 (1) To install and maintain records and recording  
21 systems needed for the correct reporting of statistical data  
22 required by the commission.

23 (2) To report statistical data to the commission at such  
24 times and in such manner as the commission prescribes.

25 (3) To give to the staff of the commission access to  
26 statistical data for the purpose of carrying out the duties  
27 of the commission relative to criminal statistics.

28 Section 6. Juvenile Advisory Committee.

29 (a) Establishment and membership.--There is hereby  
30 established the Juvenile Advisory Committee within the

1 commission. The members of the committee shall be appointed by  
2 the Governor and shall include representation of units of local  
3 government, law enforcement and juvenile justice agency  
4 probation personnel, juvenile court judges, public and private  
5 agencies and organizations concerned with delinquency prevention  
6 or treatment and services to delinquency prevention or treatment  
7 and services to dependent children, community-based prevention  
8 in-treatment programs, organizations concerned with the quality  
9 of juvenile justice or that utilize volunteers to work with  
10 delinquent or dependent children, businesses employing youth,  
11 youth workers involved with alternative youth programs, and  
12 persons with special experience and competence in addressing the  
13 problem of school violence and vandalism and the problem of  
14 learning disabilities.

15 (b) Number and qualifications.--The committee shall consist  
16 of 25 members, all of whom shall have had training or experience  
17 in juvenile justice. A majority of the members shall not be  
18 full-time employees of the Federal, State or local governments.  
19 At least one-third of the membership shall be under the age of  
20 26 at the time of appointment. At least three of those members  
21 of the committee under 26 years of age at the time of  
22 appointment shall have been or are currently under the  
23 jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system.

24 (c) Conditions of appointment.--The committee and its  
25 members are subject to the same limitations and conditions  
26 imposed upon the commission as prescribed in section 2(d),  
27 (e),(f),(i),(n) and (o).

28 (d) Quorum.--A majority of the members shall constitute a  
29 quorum and a vote of the majority of the members present shall  
30 be sufficient for all actions.

1 (e) Chairman.--The members of the committee shall choose by  
2 majority vote a chairman from among the committee which shall  
3 serve a two-year term. A vice chairman shall be designated by  
4 the chairman and preside at meetings in the absence of the  
5 chairman. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairman,  
6 but not less than four times a year.

7 Section 7. Powers and duties of the Juvenile Advisory  
8 Committee.

9 The Juvenile Advisory Committee shall have the power, and its  
10 duty shall be:

11 (1) All responsibilities and duties of the commission  
12 prescribed in section 3 insofar as they relate to juvenile  
13 justice and delinquency prevention, except:

14 (i) Those functions related to the direct approval  
15 and disbursement of financial assistance shall be in an  
16 advisory capacity only, but shall include reviewing and  
17 commenting on such applications within 30 days.

18 (ii) Those functions prescribed in section 3(5) and  
19 (12).

20 (2) Advise the commission on any other matters relating  
21 to juvenile justice and delinquency prevention not contained  
22 in section 3.

23 (3) To develop methods and procedures for evaluating  
24 services for delinquent and dependent children.

25 ~~Section 8. Judicial Advisory Committee.~~

26 ~~(a) Establishment and composition. There shall be a~~  
27 ~~Judicial Advisory Committee within the commission which shall~~  
28 ~~consist of at least 12 but no more than 15 members appointed by~~  
29 ~~the chief justice and serve at his pleasure. The composition of~~  
30 ~~the committee shall include at least the following:~~

~~(1) Chief justice.~~

~~(2) Two Supreme Court justices.~~

~~(3) President judge of Superior Court.~~

~~(4) President judge of Commonwealth Court.~~

~~(5) State court administrator.~~

~~(6) Two judges of the court of common pleas.~~

~~(7) Judge from the Juvenile Court Judges Commission.~~

~~(8) Representative from the district attorneys' association.~~

~~(9) Representative from the public defenders' association.~~

~~(b) Conditions of appointment. The committee and its members are subject to the same limitations and conditions imposed upon the commission prescribed in section 2(d), (e), (f), (i), (n) and (o).~~

~~(c) Quorum. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum and a vote of the majority of the members present shall be sufficient for all actions.~~

~~(d) Chairman. The chief justice shall serve as the chairman and shall designate a vice chairman to preside at meetings in his absence. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairman, but not less than four times a year.~~

~~Section 9. Powers and duties of the Judicial Advisory Committee.~~

~~The Judicial Advisory Committee shall have the power, and its duty shall be:~~

~~(1) All responsibilities and duties of the Pennsylvania Council on Crime and Delinquency prescribed in section 3 insofar as they relate to planning and administration of judicial responsibilities, except:~~

1           ~~(i) those functions related to the direct approval~~  
2           ~~and disbursement of financial assistance shall be in an~~  
3           ~~advisory capacity only but shall include reviewing and~~  
4           ~~commenting in such applications within 60 days;~~

5           ~~(ii) those functions prescribed in section 3(5) and~~  
6           ~~(14).~~

7           ~~(2) Establish priorities for the improvement of the~~  
8           ~~courts.~~

9           ~~(3) Develop an annual plan for the improvement of the~~  
10           ~~courts to be included in the comprehensive plan.~~

11           ~~(4) Advise the commission in other matters relating to~~  
12           ~~the planning or administration of judicial responsibilities.~~

13           ~~(5) To appoint an associate director by the chairman~~  
14           ~~upon the advice and consent of a majority of the members.~~

15 Section ~~10~~. 8. Regional Advisory Committees. <—

16       (a) Establishment and composition.--There shall be Regional  
17 Advisory Committees within the commission which shall consist of  
18 not more than 25 members appointed by the Governor.

19       (b) Membership.--

20           (1) A majority of the members shall be representatives  
21 of units of local governments.

22           (2) The other members shall consist of the following:

23               (i) a judge of the court of common pleas;

24               (ii) a juvenile court judge;

25               (iii) a district attorney;

26               (iv) a defense attorney;

27               (v) four private citizens, two of which have  
28 experience or special knowledge of the juvenile justice  
29 system;

30               (vi) one representative of law enforcement agencies;

1           (vii) one representative of juvenile correctional or  
2       rehabilitative agencies;  
3           (viii) one representative of adult correctional or  
4       rehabilitative agencies; and  
5           (ix) one representative of educational institutions  
6       or programs.

7       (c) Conditions of appointment.--The committee and its  
8       members are subject to the same limitations and conditions  
9       imposed upon the commission prescribed in section  
10      2(d),(e),(f),(i),(n) and (o).

11      (d) Quorum.--A majority of the members shall constitute a  
12      quorum and a vote of the majority of the members present shall  
13      be sufficient for all actions.

14      (e) Chairman.--The chairman shall be chosen by a majority of  
15      the members of the advisory committee and shall serve a two-year  
16      term. The chairman shall designate a vice chairman to preside at  
17      meetings in his absence. The committee shall meet on the call of  
18      the chairman, but not less than four times a year.

19      (f) Boundaries.--In establishing the boundaries of the  
20      regional advisory committees, the commission shall insure that  
21      each county is represented through an advisory committee.

22      (g) Applicability.--Those counties of a population of  
23      250,000 or more who establish an advisory committee for the  
24      county and which complies with the provisions of this section  
25      shall be designated the regional advisory committee for that  
26      county. In such instances, the chief executive shall appoint the  
27      members of the advisory committee.

28      (H) APPOINTMENT OF STAFF.--ALL PERSONNEL PERFORMING DUTIES  
29      FOR THE REGIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S JUSTICE COMMISSION ON THE  
30      EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT WHO ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE CIVIL

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1 SERVICE ACT OF AUGUST 5, 1941 (P.L.752, NO.186), SHALL REMAIN IN  
2 THEIR POSITION UNLESS IT CAN BE DETERMINED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN  
3 NEGLIGENT OR INCOMPETENT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

4 Section ~~11~~ 9. Powers and duties of the Regional  
5 Advisory Committees. <—

6 The Regional Advisory Committees shall have the power and its  
7 duty shall be:

8 (1) To review and evaluate the problems and needs of the  
9 juvenile and criminal justice system in their region and to  
10 provide the commission with an annual report of their  
11 findings and recommendations which shall be considered by the  
12 commission in preparing the State Comprehensive Plan. In  
13 formulating their findings and recommendations for the  
14 commission the regional advisory committees shall conduct at  
15 least one public hearing. The annual report shall contain  
16 priorities for the improvement of the juvenile and criminal  
17 justice systems for the region.

18 (2) To review and advise the commission on all  
19 applications for financial assistance for the improvement of  
20 the juvenile or criminal justice system solely within the  
21 region within 60 days of receipt of the application from the  
22 commission.

23 (3) To advise local juvenile and criminal justice  
24 agencies and organizations in the development of programs to  
25 improve the juvenile and criminal justice systems in the  
26 region.

27 (4) To promote the coordination of juvenile and criminal  
28 justice programs in the region.

29 Section ~~12~~ 10. Cooperation by other departments. <—

30 It shall be the duty of the various administrative

1 departments, boards and commissions to cooperate so far as  
2 practicable with the commission in the performance of its duties  
3 under this act, except as provided in sections 4 and 5.

4 ~~Section 13-~~ 11. Transfer of personnel, assets and appropriations. <—

5 All personnel, allocations, appropriations, equipment, files,  
6 records, contracts, agreements, obligations, and other materials  
7 which are used, employed or expended by the Governor's Justice  
8 Commission in connection with the powers, duties or functions  
9 exercised under this act by the commission are hereby  
10 transferred to the commission with the same force and effect as  
11 if the appropriation's had been made to and said items had been  
12 the property of the commission in the first instance and as if  
13 said contracts, agreements and obligations had been incurred or  
14 entered into by said commission.

15 ~~Section 14-~~ 12. Abolition of Justice Commission. <—

16 The Governor's Justice Commission is hereby abolished.

17 ~~Section 15-~~ 13. Termination of commission. <—

18 On December 31, 1980 the commission shall be abolished. The  
19 Judiciary Committees of the House of Representatives and Senate  
20 shall conduct a review of the performance and effectiveness of  
21 the commission and make public a report of their findings,  
22 conclusions and recommendations, including proposed legislation  
23 for such extension or reorganization of the commission as deemed  
24 appropriate. Such review shall be conducted not later than nine  
25 months prior to the termination.

26 ~~Section 16-~~ 14. Repealer. <—

27 Section 924, act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as  
28 "The Administrative Code of 1929," is repealed.

29 ~~Section 17-~~ 15. Effective date. <—

30 This act shall take effect December 31, 1978.