

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 343 Session of
2001

INTRODUCED BY BIRMELIN, ARMSTRONG, BEBKO-JONES, CALTAGIRONE,
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E. Z. TAYLOR, WALKO, C. WILLIAMS, WOJNAROSKI, YEWCIC, BISHOP
AND JAMES, JANUARY 31, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 31, 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 powers and duties of the commission.

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

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

13 Section 3. Powers and duties of the commission.

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

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16 (17) To prepare and present upon the request of any
17 member of the General Assembly a prison population impact

1 analysis of any bill introduced in the General Assembly that
2 would have an impact on prison or correction systems, as well
3 as on State and local probation and parole populations and
4 programs. The analysis shall be factual and, if possible,
5 provide a reliable estimate of the prison population impact
6 of the bill and shall be completed and presented to the
7 member requesting the analysis and to the Governor within 45
8 days of the initial request. The commission shall prepare the
9 analysis in consultation with the Department of Corrections,
10 the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole and the
11 Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, as appropriate. A
12 request for a prison population impact analysis shall have no
13 effect whatsoever upon the method, manner or ability of the
14 General Assembly to consider any bill.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.