

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY WARD, BROOKS, SABATINA, VULAKOVICH, FARNESE,
YUDICHAK, BREWSTER, RESCHENTHALER, COSTA, MENSCH, RAFFERTY,
HUGHES, STEFANO AND BROWNE, JANUARY 27, 2017

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JANUARY 27, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111),
2 entitled "An act providing for victims' rights; imposing
3 penalties; establishing remedies; establishing the Office of
4 Victim Advocate, the Bureau of Victims' Services, the
5 Victims' Services Advisory Committee, the State Offender
6 Supervision Fund and other funds; and making repeals," in
7 administration, further providing for committee.

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

10 Section 1. Section 321(b) and (c) of the act of November 24,
11 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, are
12 amended to read:

13 Section 321. Committee.

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15 (b) Membership.--The committee shall consist of [15] the
16 following members:

17 (1) The Secretary of Aging or a designee.

18 (2) The Secretary of Corrections or a designee.

19 (3) The Secretary of [Public Welfare] Human Services or
20 a designee.

1 (4) The Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police or
2 a designee.

3 (5) The victim advocate.

4 (6) A district attorney appointed by the Governor.

5 (7) [Nine individuals appointed by the Governor.

6 Members under this paragraph must represent direct victims,
7 Statewide victims' coalitions, prosecution-based

8 victim/witness programs and other victim service or victim
9 advocacy organizations, the courts, members of local

10 government and other victims' organizations or organizations
11 involved in the coordination or delivery of services to

12 direct victims. At least one of the Governor's appointees

13 must be a representative of a victims' services agency

14 working directly with children.] The following individuals

15 appointed by the Governor, each of whom shall be or represent

16 one of the following:

17 (i) A direct victim of crime representing female
18 victims.

19 (ii) A direct victim of crime representing male
20 victims.

21 (iii) An area agency on aging.

22 (iv) The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic
23 Violence.

24 (v) The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape.

25 (vi) The Pennsylvania Chapter of Children's Advocacy
26 Centers and Multidisciplinary Teams.

27 (vii) The Pennsylvania Court Appointed Special
28 Advocates Association.

29 (viii) A county children and youth agency.

30 (ix) A prosecution-based victim witness program.

- 1 (x) A victims' service or advocacy organization.
2 (xi) The courts.
3 (xii) County government.
4 (xiii) The executive director of the Juvenile Court
5 Judges Commission.
6 (xiv) A children's advocacy center or victims'
7 services agency working directly with children.
8 (xv) Local law enforcement.
9 (xvi) A mental health treatment provider.
10 (xvii) A victims' services agency working directly
11 with victims of human trafficking.
12 (8) Two residents of this Commonwealth appointed by the
13 chairman of the commission.

14 (c) Terms.--A member under subsection (b) (1) through (5)
15 shall serve ex officio. A member under subsection (b) (6) [or
16 (7)], (7) or (8) shall serve for a four-year term and may be
17 appointed for no more than one additional consecutive term.

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