



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB3718

by Rep. William Davis

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

705 ILCS 405/6-12

Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Provides that local law enforcement, the State Board of Education, the Department of Human Services, and the Public Defender may designate representatives to serve on county juvenile justice councils. Provides that the Justice Advisory Council Director or his or her designee, or if the county has no Justice Advisory Council Director, the State's Attorney, shall serve as interim chairperson. Provides that the chairperson shall appoint additional members of the council which are representatives of local law enforcement, juvenile justice agencies, faith organizations, schools, businesses, and community organizations. Provides for the creation of Local Advisory Committees, and that 20% of the membership of these Committees must be local-justice involved youths aged 16-21. Provides that the duties and responsibilities of the Juvenile Justice Council includes facilitating community based collaboration and perspective on oversight, research, and evaluation of activities, programs, and policies directed towards and impacting the lives of juveniles.

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1 AN ACT concerning courts.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Juvenile Court Act of 1987 is amended by
5 changing Section 6-12 as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 405/6-12)

7 Sec. 6-12. County juvenile justice councils.

8 (1) Each region or subset of a county, or group of counties
9 pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement, in the State of
10 Illinois may establish a county juvenile justice council
11 ("council"). Each of the following county and regional officers
12 shall designate a representative to serve on the council: local
13 law enforcement, the State Board of Education, the Department
14 of Human Services, the Chamber of Commerce, the sheriff, the
15 State's Attorney, the Public Defender, Chief Probation
16 Officer, and the county board. In addition, the chief judge may
17 designate a representative to serve on the council.

18 (a) The council shall organize itself and elect from
19 its members a chairperson and such officers as are deemed
20 necessary. Until a chairperson is elected, the Justice
21 Advisory Council Director or his or her designee, or if the
22 county has no Justice Advisory Council Director, the
23 State's Attorney, ~~State's Attorney~~ shall serve as interim

1 chairperson.

2 (b) The chairperson shall appoint additional members
3 of the council as is deemed necessary to accomplish the
4 purposes of this Article and whenever possible shall
5 appoint a local Chief of Police and a representative of a
6 community youth service provider. The additional members
7 shall ~~may~~ include, but are not limited to, representatives
8 of local law enforcement, juvenile justice agencies, faith
9 organizations, schools, businesses, and community
10 organizations.

11 (c) The county juvenile justice council shall meet
12 monthly ~~from time to time~~, but no less than semi-annually,
13 for the purpose of encouraging the initiation of, or
14 supporting ongoing, interagency cooperation and programs
15 to address juvenile delinquency and juvenile crime.

16 (d) Local Advisory Committees, or "LACs", shall
17 represent local communities in each township. Twenty
18 percent of each LAC shall be composed of local-justice
19 involved youths aged 16-21. At least one youth and one
20 adult from each LAC shall serve on their local Juvenile
21 Justice Council. Each LAC shall establish a monthly meeting
22 schedule, and shall bring their local issues, concerns, and
23 recommendations to the Juvenile Justice Council.

24 (2) The purpose of a county juvenile justice council is to
25 provide a forum for the development of a community-based
26 interagency assessment of the local juvenile justice system, to

1 develop a county juvenile justice plan for the prevention of
2 juvenile delinquency, and to make recommendations to the county
3 board, or county boards, for more effectively utilizing
4 existing community resources in dealing with juveniles who are
5 found to be involved in crime, or who are truant or have been
6 suspended or expelled from school. The county juvenile justice
7 plan shall include relevant portions of local crime prevention
8 and public safety plans, school improvement and school safety
9 plans, and the plans or initiatives of other public and private
10 entities within the county that are concerned with dropout
11 prevention, school safety, the prevention of juvenile crime and
12 criminal activity by youth gangs.

13 (3) The duties and responsibilities of the county juvenile
14 justice council include, but are not limited to:

15 (a) Developing a county juvenile justice plan based
16 upon utilization of the resources of law enforcement,
17 school systems, park programs, sports entities, and others
18 in a cooperative and collaborative manner to prevent or
19 discourage juvenile crime.

20 (b) Entering into a written county interagency
21 agreement specifying the nature and extent of
22 contributions each signatory agency will make in achieving
23 the goals of the county juvenile justice plan and their
24 commitment to the sharing of information useful in carrying
25 out the goals of the interagency agreement to the extent
26 authorized by law.

1 (c) Applying for and receiving public or private
2 grants, to be administered by one of the community
3 partners, that support one or more components of the county
4 juvenile justice plan.

5 (d) (Blank). ~~Providing a forum for the presentation of~~
6 ~~interagency recommendations and the resolution of~~
7 ~~disagreements relating to the contents of the county~~
8 ~~interagency agreement or the performance by the parties of~~
9 ~~their respective obligations under the agreement.~~

10 (d-5) Facilitating community based collaboration and
11 perspective on oversight, research, and evaluation of
12 activities, programs, and policies directed towards and
13 impacting the lives of juveniles.

14 (e) Assisting and directing the efforts of local
15 community support organizations and volunteer groups in
16 providing enrichment programs and other support services
17 for clients of local juvenile detention centers.

18 (f) Developing and making available a county-wide or
19 multi-county resource guide for minors in need of
20 prevention, intervention, psycho-social, educational
21 support, and other services needed to prevent juvenile
22 delinquency.

23 (4) The council shall have no role in the charging or
24 prosecution of juvenile offenders.

25 (Source: P.A. 90-590, eff. 1-1-99.)