

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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. Juvenile County~~juvenile~~ justice councils.

8 (1) Each county, or any group of contiguous counties under  
9 pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement or, in counties  
10 having a population of 3,000,000 or more, any township, or  
11 group of those townships, in the State of Illinois may, at the  
12 initiative of any State's Attorney, Public Defender, court  
13 services director, probation officer, county board member,  
14 regional superintendent of schools, sheriff, chief of police,  
15 any judge serving in a juvenile court within the jurisdiction,  
16 or governing body of any Redeploy Illinois site serving any  
17 part of that area, establish a ~~county~~ juvenile justice council  
18 ("council").

19 (1.5) Each of the following ~~county~~ officers or entities  
20 serving any part of the area included in a juvenile justice  
21 council shall designate a representative to serve on the  
22 council: the sheriff, the State's Attorney, Chief Probation  
23 Officer, the Public Defender, and each ~~and the~~ county board

1 within the area of the council. Designation of members shall be  
2 made to the person or agency initiating formation of the  
3 council. ~~In addition, the chief judge may designate a~~  
4 ~~representative to serve on the council.~~

5 (a) Following designation of members, the ~~The~~ council  
6 shall organize itself and elect from its members a  
7 chairperson and such officers as are deemed necessary.  
8 ~~Until a chairperson is elected, the State's Attorney shall~~  
9 ~~serve as interim chairperson.~~

10 (b) The chairperson shall, with the advice and consent  
11 of the council, appoint additional members of the council  
12 as is deemed necessary to accomplish the purposes of this  
13 Article ~~and whenever possible shall appoint a local Chief~~  
14 ~~of Police and a representative of a community youth service~~  
15 ~~provider.~~ The additional members may include, but are not  
16 limited to, a judge who hears juvenile cases in the  
17 jurisdiction in which the council sits, representatives of  
18 local law enforcement, juvenile justice agencies, schools,  
19 businesses, ~~and~~ community organizations, community youth  
20 service providers, faith based organizations, the State or  
21 local board of education, any family violence coordinating  
22 council, any domestic violence agency, any children's  
23 advocacy center, any serious and habitual offender  
24 comprehensive action program, the Department of Human  
25 Services, the Chamber of Commerce, any director of court  
26 services, and local justice involved youth. However, the

1 number of voting members of any juvenile justice council  
2 shall not exceed 21.

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

8 (d) In counties having a population of 3,000,000 or  
9 more, the juvenile justice council shall provide for local  
10 area council participation in its by-laws.

11 (2) The purpose of a ~~county~~ juvenile justice council is:

12 (a) To ~~to~~ provide a forum for the development of a  
13 community-based interagency assessment of the local  
14 juvenile justice system, to develop a ~~county~~ juvenile  
15 justice plan for the prevention of juvenile delinquency,  
16 and to make recommendations to the county board, or county  
17 boards, for more effectively utilizing existing community  
18 resources in dealing with juveniles who are found to be  
19 involved in crime, or who are truant or have been suspended  
20 or expelled from school. The ~~county~~ juvenile justice plan  
21 shall include relevant portions of local crime prevention  
22 and public safety plans, school improvement and school  
23 safety plans, Redeploy Illinois plans, and the plans or  
24 initiatives of other public and private entities within the  
25 covered area ~~county~~ that are concerned with dropout  
26 prevention, school safety, the prevention of juvenile

1 crime and criminal activity by youth gangs.

2 (b) To inform the development of the local assessment  
3 and plan described in paragraph (a) by utilizing aggregate  
4 data to: analyze the risks, needs, and characteristics of  
5 youth in contact with the juvenile justice system; to  
6 assess responses and resources available; and to develop or  
7 strengthen policy and practice in order to prevent or  
8 mitigate juvenile delinquency, produce positive youth  
9 outcomes, and enhance public safety. Sources of this data  
10 may include State and local human services, child  
11 protection, law enforcement, probation, corrections,  
12 education, and other public agencies. State agencies,  
13 their local and regional offices, and contractors are  
14 strongly encouraged to collaborate with juvenile justice  
15 councils to develop memoranda of understanding and  
16 intergovernmental agreements, and to share data and  
17 information in order to provide an adequate basis for the  
18 local juvenile justice plan. The confidentiality of  
19 individual juvenile records shall not be compromised at any  
20 time or in any manner in service of these functions.

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

23 (a) Developing a ~~county~~ juvenile justice plan based  
24 upon utilization of the resources of law enforcement,  
25 school systems, park programs, sports entities, Redeploy  
26 Illinois programs, and others in a cooperative and

1 collaborative manner to prevent or discourage juvenile  
2 crime.

3 (b) Entering into a written county interagency  
4 agreement specifying the nature and extent of  
5 contributions each signatory agency will make in achieving  
6 the goals of the ~~county~~ juvenile justice plan and their  
7 commitment to the sharing of information useful in carrying  
8 out the goals of the interagency agreement to the extent  
9 authorized by law.

10 (c) Applying for and receiving public or private  
11 grants, to be administered by one of the community  
12 partners, that support one or more components of the ~~county~~  
13 juvenile justice plan.

14 (d) (Blank). ~~Providing a forum for the presentation of~~  
15 ~~interagency recommendations and the resolution of~~  
16 ~~disagreements relating to the contents of the county~~  
17 ~~interagency agreement or the performance by the parties of~~  
18 ~~their respective obligations under the agreement.~~

19 (e) Assisting and directing the efforts of local  
20 community support organizations and volunteer groups in  
21 providing enrichment programs and other support services  
22 for clients of local juvenile detention centers.

23 (f) Developing and making available a county-wide or  
24 multi-county resource guide for minors in need of  
25 prevention, intervention, psycho-social, educational  
26 support, and other services needed to prevent juvenile

1 delinquency.

2 (g) Facilitating community based collaboration and  
3 perspective on oversight, research, and evaluation of  
4 activities, programs, and policies directed towards and  
5 impacting the lives of juveniles.

6 (h) Planning for and supporting applications for  
7 Redeploy Illinois, and development of funding for  
8 screening, assessment, and risk-appropriate,  
9 evidence-informed services to reduce commitments to the  
10 Department of Juvenile Justice.

11 (i) Planning for and supporting the development of  
12 funding for screening, assessment, and risk-appropriate,  
13 evidence-informed services to youth reentering the  
14 community from detention in a county detention center or  
15 commitment from the Department of Juvenile Justice.

16 (3.5) A council which is the sole council serving any part  
17 of the area of an established Redeploy Illinois site may, in  
18 its discretion, and at the request of the Redeploy Illinois  
19 governing body of the site, undertake and maintain governance  
20 of the site under Section 16.1 of the Probation and Probation  
21 Officers Act.

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

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