

No. 2002-146

AN ACT

HB 2772

Amending the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274), entitled "An act establishing the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, providing for its powers and duties establishing several advisory committees within the commission and providing for their powers and duties," establishing the Targeted Community Revitalization and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee and providing for its powers and duties.

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

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

Section 1. Definitions.

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

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"Targeted community." *A city, township or municipality currently receiving funding from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to provide support to law enforcement and community partnerships to develop comprehensive, targeted crime prevention efforts and a planning process for the revitalization of high-crime and distressed communities; a city, township or municipality designated by the commission to receive such funding; or a city, township or municipality eligible to seek such funding from the commission under criteria developed by the Targeted Community Revitalization and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee.*

Section 2. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

Section 7.1. Targeted Community Revitalization and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee.

(a) Establishment.—There is hereby established the Targeted Community Revitalization and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee within the commission.

(b) Composition.—The committee shall consist of the following members or their designees:

- (1) The Secretary of Public Welfare.***
- (2) The Secretary of Community and Economic Development.***
- (3) The Secretary of Health.***
- (4) The Secretary of Education.***
- (5) The Secretary of Labor and Industry.***
- (6) The Secretary of Conservation and Natural Resources.***

(7) The Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency.

(8) The Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

(9) The Executive Director of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs.

(10) The Executive Director of the Governor's Advisory Commission on African American Affairs.

(11) The Executive Director of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission.

(12) The Director of the Governor's Office of Policy Development.

(13) The Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police.

(14) The chairman of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole.

(15) Four members of the General Assembly, one of whom shall be designated by and serve at the pleasure of the President pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be designated by and serve at the pleasure of the Minority Leader of the Senate, one of whom shall be designated by and serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one of whom shall be designated by and serve at the pleasure of the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. The members designated must have a targeted community in their legislative districts.

(16) Eight members who are located in or serve a targeted community, appointed by the Governor, one district attorney representative, one representative of county commissioners, one representative of community and economic development agencies, one representative of crime prevention agencies, one representative of a community-based organization, one representative of a faith-based organization, one nonsupervisory local law enforcement officer representative and one nonsupervisory Pennsylvania State Police representative.

(17) Five private citizens appointed by the Governor, all of whom reside in a targeted community.

(18) Such additional members appointed by the Governor, all of whom shall have experience and involvement in community revitalization and crime prevention efforts.

(c) Number and qualifications.—The committee shall consist of no more than 33 members, all of whom shall have had training or experience in law enforcement, social services, community revitalization or economic development.

(d) Conditions of appointment.—The committee and its members are subject to the same limitations and conditions imposed upon the commission as prescribed in section 2(d), (e), (h), (m) and (n).

(e) 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.

(f) Chairman.—The Governor shall appoint a chairman from among the members of the committee who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. A vice chairman shall be designated by the chairman and preside at meetings in the absence of the chairman. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairman but not less than four times a year.

Section 7.2. Powers and duties of Targeted Community Revitalization and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee.

(a) Powers and duties.—The Targeted Community Revitalization and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee shall have the power and its duty shall be to:

(1) Serve in an advisory capacity to the commission through the committee's participation in the development of that part of the commission's comprehensive plan relating to targeted crime prevention efforts and the revitalization of targeted communities.

(2) Serve in an advisory capacity to the commission on those functions related to the direct approval and disbursement of financial assistance. The committee shall have the opportunity to review and comment on applications after their receipt from the commission.

(3) Advise the commission on the definition, development and correlation of programs and projects and the establishment of priorities for supporting law enforcement and community partnerships developing comprehensive, targeted crime prevention efforts and a planning process for the revitalization of high-crime and distressed communities.

(4) Develop standards, methods and procedures for evaluating and monitoring services and programs for crime prevention efforts and the revitalization of targeted communities.

(5) Provide assistance and advice requested by the commission on any other matters relating to the crime prevention efforts and the revitalization of targeted communities.

(6) Submit to the Governor and the General Assembly reports as may be required by Federal and State law.

(b) Staff support.—Staff support shall be made available to the committee by the executive director of the commission in order for the committee to adequately perform the duties provided for in this section.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 6th day of December, A.D. 2002.

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