

No. 51

AN ACT

To amend the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," by making it unlawful for any person over twenty-one years of age to corrupt or tend to corrupt the morals of children under eighteen years of age, or to aid, abet, entice or encourage such children in the commission of any crime, or to assist or encourage such children in violating a parole or order of court; prescribing penalties.

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

"The Penal Code."

Section 1. The act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," is hereby amended by adding, after section 531 thereof, a new section to read as follows:

Act of June 24, 1939, P. L. 872, amended by adding, after section 531 thereof, a new section 532.

Section 532. Corrupting Morals of Children or Encouraging Children to Commit Crime or Violate Parole.—Whoever, being of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, by any act corrupts or tends to corrupt the morals of any child under the age of eighteen years, or who aids, abets, entices or encourages any such child in the commission of any crime, or who knowingly assists or encourages such child in violating his or her parole or any order of court, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1000) or undergo imprisonment not exceeding three (3) years, or both.

A conviction under the provisions of this section may be had whether or not the jurisdiction of any juvenile court has attached or shall thereafter attach to such child or whether or not such child has been adjudicated a delinquent or shall thereafter be adjudicated a delinquent.

In trials and hearing upon charges of violating the provisions of this section, knowledge of the minor's age and of the court's orders and decrees concerning such minor shall be presumed in the absence of proof to the contrary.

APPROVED—The 3rd day of June, A. D. 1953.

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