

No. 1996-17

AN ACT

HB 1927

Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for detention of children in jails; and further providing for other offenses.

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

Section 1. Section 5552(b) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

§ 5552. Other offenses.

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(b) Major offenses.—A prosecution for any of the following offenses must be commenced within five years after it is committed:

(1) Under the following provisions of Title 18 (relating to crimes and offenses):

Section 911 (relating to corrupt organizations).

Section 2702 (relating to aggravated assault).

Section 2706 (relating to terroristic threats).

Section 2901 (relating to kidnapping).

Section 3121 (relating to rape).

Section 3122.1 (relating to statutory sexual assault).

Section 3123 (relating to involuntary deviate sexual intercourse).

Section 3124.1 (relating to sexual assault).

Section 3125 (relating to aggravated indecent assault).

Section 3301 (relating to arson and related offenses).

Section 3502 (relating to burglary).

Section 3701 (relating to robbery).

Section 3921 (relating to theft by unlawful taking or disposition) through section [3931 (relating to theft of unpublished dramas and musical compositions)] **3933 (relating to unlawful use of computer).**

Section 4101 (relating to forgery).

Section 4108 (relating to commercial bribery and breach of duty to act disinterestedly).

Section 4109 (relating to rigging publicly exhibited contest).

Section 4117 (relating to insurance fraud).

Section 4302 (relating to incest).

Section 4701 (relating to bribery in official and political matters) through section 4703 (relating to retaliation for past official action).

Section 4902 (relating to perjury) through section 4912 (relating to impersonating a public servant).

Section 4952 (relating to intimidation of witnesses or victims).

Section 4953 (relating to retaliation against witness or victim).

Section 5101 (relating to obstructing administration of law or other governmental function).

Section 5512 (relating to lotteries, etc.) through section 5514 (relating to pool selling and bookmaking).

Section 5902(b) (relating to prostitution and related offenses).

Section 6312 (relating to sexual abuse of children).

(2) Any offense punishable under section 13(f) of the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.

(3) Any conspiracy to commit any of the offenses set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) and any solicitation to commit any of the offenses in paragraphs (1) and (2) if the solicitation results in the completed offense.

(4) Under the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code.

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Section 2. Sections 6303(b) and 6327(c) of Title 42 are amended to read: § 6303. Scope of chapter.

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(b) Minor judiciary.—No child shall be detained, committed or sentenced to imprisonment by a district justice or a judge of the minor judiciary *unless the child is charged with an act set forth in paragraph (2)(i), (ii), (iii) or (v) of the definition of "delinquent act" in section 6302 (relating to definitions).*

§ 6327. Place of detention.

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(c) Detention in jail prohibited.—It is unlawful for any person in charge of or employed by a jail knowingly to receive for detention or to detain in the jail any person whom he has or should have reason to believe is a child[.] *unless, in a criminal proceeding, the child has been charged with or has been found guilty of an act set forth in paragraph (2)(i), (ii), (iii) or (v) of the definition of "delinquent act" in section 6302 (relating to definitions).*

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Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

(1) The amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 6303(b) and 6327(c) shall take effect immediately.

(2) This section shall take effect immediately.

(3) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 29th day of March, A.D. 1996.

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