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(Juvenile Delinquency Commission--
expand role and increase membership)

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Sponsor(s): McManimon and Brown

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SENATE, No. 2819

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 18, 1986

By Senators McMANIMON and BROWN

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT concerning the Juvenile Delinquency Disposition Commission and amending P. L. 1982, c. 77 and making an appropriation.

1 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
2 of New Jersey:

1 1. Section 30 of P. L. 1982, c. 77 (C. 2A:4A-49) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 30. Juvenile Delinquency **[Disposition]** Commission.

4 a. There is created a Juvenile Delinquency **[Disposition]** Com-
5 mission of **[17]** ***[22]*** *21* members consisting of *the Governor*
6 *or his designee*; two members of the Senate, no more than one of
7 whom shall be of the same political party, appointed by the Presi-
8 dent of the Senate; two members of the General Assembly, no more
9 than one of whom shall be of the same political party, appointed by
10 the Speaker of the General Assembly; the Chief Justice of the Su-
11 preme Court or his designee: ***[a Family Court Judge appointed**
12 *by the Chief Justice;*]* the Attorney General or his designee; the
13 Public Advocate or his designee; the chairman of the State Parole
14 Board or his designee; the Commissioner of the Department of
15 Corrections or his designee; *the Commissioner of the Department of*
16 *Education or his designee*; the Commissioner of the Department
17 of Human Services or his designee; the President of the County
18 Prosecutors Association of New Jersey, or his designee; the Presi-
19 dent of the New Jersey Association of Counties, or his designee;
20 the President of the League of Municipalities, or his designee; the
21 Commissioner of the Department of Health or his designee; and
22 **[three]** *five* public members **[to be]**, *three of whom will be ap-*

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

*—Senate committee amendments adopted March 26, 1987.

23 pointed by the Governor, one by the President of the Senate and
24 one by the Speaker of the General Assembly. The legislative mem-
25 bers shall serve for terms coextensive with their respective terms
26 as a member of the House of the Legislature from which they are
27 appointed and each public member shall serve for a term of three
28 years. Members shall be eligible for reappointment to the com-
29 mission, and vacancies in the commission shall be filled in the same
30 *manner* as the original appointment, but for the unexpired term
31 only. The members of the commission shall serve without com-
32 pensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses actually
33 incurred in the performance of their duties under this act. The
34 commission shall choose a chairman from among its members and
35 appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the commission.

36 b. It shall be the duty of the commission to study and review
37 *the provisions of the "New Jersey Code of Juvenile Justice,"
38 P. L. 1982, c. 77 (C. 2A:4A-20 et seq.), P. L. 1982, c. 79 (C.
39 2A:4A-60 et seq.), P. L. 1982, c. 80 (C. 2A:4A-76 et seq.) and P. L.
40 1982, c. 81 (C. 2A:4A-70 et seq.) and* all aspects of the juvenile
41 justice system [relating to the disposition of persons adjudged
42 delinquent as provided in section 24 and section 25 of this act]
43 with particular reference to delinquency trends and dispositions.
44 The commission shall compile, on a county by county basis, [the]
45 individual case data including, but not limited to, information on
46 the age, sex and race of court involved juveniles [receiving disposi-
47 tions], *and* the organization, availability and interrelationship
48 of [dispositions between the Department of Corrections and the
49 Department of Human Services] services for court involved youth
50 *[and the reasons for the utilization and effectiveness of the
51 various dispositions and incarceration as a disposition]* pursuant
52 to procedures established by the Administrative Office of the
53 Courts *[and other agencies as appropriate and annually report
54 its findings to the Governor and Legislature]* [18 months from
55 the effective date of this act]. *The commission shall also study
56 the organization, availability and interrelationship of services for
57 court involved youth, with particular reference to non-judicial
58 services and analyze the reasons for and the effectiveness of out-
59 comes and dispositions in delinquency and delinquency related
59A cases.* This information should be reviewed with the objective of
59B *[providing policy-makers at the State and local level with on-go-
59C ing information and assistance]* *reporting findings to the
59D Governor and Legislature on an annual basis* and developing,
59E where appropriate, guidelines as to the disposition of juveniles
59F adjudicated delinquent. The commission shall also provide assis-

59G *tance to the Legislature or its committees as may be required. The*
59H *commission shall also act as a clearinghouse for improving co-*
59I *ordination within the juvenile justice system and for disseminating*
59J *information and data relating to its mandate.*

60 c. The commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance and
61 avail itself of the services of such employees of the State and the
62 political subdivisions thereof as it may require and as may be
63 available to it for said purpose, *to review information as may be*
64 *required to fulfill its mandates* and to employ such professional,
65 stenographic, and clerical assistants and incur such traveling and
66 other miscellaneous expenses as it may deem necessary in order
67 to perform its duties, and as may be within the limits of funds
68 appropriated or otherwise made available to it for said purposes.

69 d. After its first report, the commission shall file annually with
70 the Governor and the Legislature a report containing its findings
71 and recommendations concerning **[the disposition of juvenile**
72 **offenders]** *court involved youth and the operations of the juve-*
73 *nile justice system.* Additionally, the commission shall report to
74 the Governor and the Legislature on the operation of subsection
75 c. of section 24 of this act 24 months from the effective date of
76 this act.

1 2. There shall be appropriated to the Juvenile Delinquency Com-
2 mission from the General Fund the sum of \$50,000.00 for the addi-
3 tional responsibilities created by this act.

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STATEMENT

This bill changes the title of the current Juvenile Delinquency
 Disposition Commission to the "Juvenile Delinquency Commission"
 thus indicating an expanded role for the commission. The en-
 larged role is substantiated by requiring that the commission study
 and review all aspects of the juvenile justice system as well as
 the provisions of the Juvenile Code. The commission is also re-
 quired to act as a clearinghouse for improving information and
 coordination within the juvenile justice system and for disseminat-
 ing information and data relative to its mandate.

The bill also expands membership on the commission to include
 the Governor or his designee, a Family Court Judge, the Commis-
 sioner of Education and two additional public members.

It is the sponsors belief that to date, the commission has per-
 formed in an exemplary fashion. In addition to establishing a data
 system that profiles, for the first time, the dynamics of the juve-
 nile justice system, it has also established a highly useful policy-
 analysis and information exchange capacity.

This bill would recognize and require this additional responsi-
 bility.

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SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 2819
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 26, 1987

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2819.

This bill would expand the role of the Juvenile Delinquency Disposition Commission by requiring the commission to study and review all aspects of the juvenile justice system. To reflect these new duties, the bill would also change the name of the commission to the "Juvenile Delinquency Commission." Additionally the bill expands the membership on the commission to include the Governor or his designee, the Commissioner of Education and two additional public members. The bill also contains an appropriation of \$50,000.00 to the commission to help cover the additional responsibilities envisioned by the act. The amendments adopted by the committee clarify the review and reporting responsibilities of the commission and reduces from five to four the number of additional members on the commission.