COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND  

By: Council President Subin and Councilmembers Praisner and Krahnke

AN ACT to:

(1) revise the membership and functions of the Juvenile Court Committee, and change its name to the Commission on Juvenile Justice; and

(2) generally update and amend the law governing the Juvenile Court Committee.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 12, Courts
Article VI. Juvenile Court Committee
Sections 12-36 through 12-43

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:
provided or funded by the County, [[and]] the state Department of Juvenile Justice, and the federal government.

(c) Workplan. By June 30 of each year, the Commission must prepare and submit to the Council, Executive, and juvenile division of the District Court a workplan for the next fiscal year. The Commission may amend the workplan at any time during the fiscal year. The workplan should describe how the Commission will monitor and evaluate the programs under its jurisdiction.

12-40. Reserved.

12-41. Functions [and responsibilities].

[It shall be the function and responsibility of the committee to] The Commission must:

(a) Advise the juvenile division of the District Court, [county] Council, and [county] Executive on the needs and requirements of juveniles under the Court's jurisdiction [of the juvenile court].

(b) Inform state legislators of juvenile needs and requirements.

(c) Study and submit recommendations, procedures, programs, or legislation concerning juvenile affairs, prevention and control of juvenile delinquency, and neglect or abuse, in order to promote the general welfare of juveniles under the Court's jurisdiction [of the court].
(d) Study and make recommendations to the [county] Executive and [county] Council on those segments of the County budget that affect juvenile justice programs.

(e) Make periodic visits to facilities in the state servicing county juveniles.

(f) Promote understanding and knowledge in the community regarding juvenile needs and programs.

(g) Independently evaluate, in coordination with other advisory bodies such as the Collaboration Council for Children, Youth, and Families and the Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission, programs and services provided or funded by the state Department of Juvenile Justice for County youth. The evaluation should include intake, assessment, informal adjustments, probation, aftercare, shelter care, detention, and residential treatment programs. The evaluation should address whether capacity in these areas is adequate to serve the County and assess the effectiveness of these programs and services. If sufficient information on the effectiveness of any program is not available, the [Committee] Commission should note that fact.

(h) Independently evaluate County-funded programs and services, including those from the Family Division of the Police Department, the State's Attorney, and the Department of Health and Human Services.
The evaluation should address whether capacity in these areas is adequate and assess the effectiveness of these programs and services. If sufficient information on the effectiveness of any program is not available, the [[Committee]] Commission should note that fact.

12-42. Staff support.

The [Montgomery County] Department of Health and Human Services must provide reasonable [secretarial] professional and administrative support to the [[committee]] Commission [in order] to facilitate [[the]] the Commission's work [[of the committee]].

12-43. Bylaws.

The [[committee]] Commission may adopt [such] bylaws and rules of [conduct as are] procedure not inconsistent with the County Charter or law.

Sec. 2. Transition. The members of the Juvenile Court Committee on the effective date of this Act are members of the Commission on Juvenile Justice until the term for which each was appointed to the Committee expires.

Approved:

Michael L. Subin, President, County Council

Date 4/6/00
Approved:

Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Mary A. Edgar, CMC, Clerk of the Council

April 14, 2000

April 17, 2000