

Bill No. 4-00  
Concerning: Juvenile Court Committee -  
Functions  
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## 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

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*Heading or defined term.*  
*Added to existing law by original bill.*  
*Deleted from existing law by original bill.*  
*Added by amendment.*  
*Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.*  
*Existing law unaffected by bill.*

*The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:*

81 provided or funded by the County, [[and]] the state Department  
 82 of Juvenile Justice, and the federal government.

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

89 **12-40. Reserved.**

90 **12-41. Functions [and responsibilities].**

91 [It shall be the function and responsibility of the committee to] The

92 [[Committee]] Commission must:

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

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

97 (c) Study and submit recommendations, procedures, programs, or  
 98 legislation concerning juvenile affairs, prevention and control of  
 99 juvenile delinquency, and neglect or abuse, in order to promote the  
 100 general welfare of juveniles under the Court's jurisdiction [of the court].

- 101 (d) Study and make recommendations to the [county] Executive and  
102 [county] Council on those segments of the County budget that affect  
103 juvenile justice programs.
- 104 (e) Make periodic visits to facilities in the state servicing county juveniles.
- 105 (f) Promote understanding and knowledge in the community regarding  
106 juvenile needs and programs.
- 107 (g) Independently evaluate, in coordination with other advisory bodies such  
108 as the Collaboration Council for Children, Youth, and Families and the  
109 Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission, programs and services  
110 provided or funded by the state Department of Juvenile Justice for  
111 County youth. The evaluation should include intake, assessment,  
112 informal adjustments, probation, aftercare, shelter care, detention, and  
113 residential treatment programs. The evaluation should address whether  
114 capacity in these areas is adequate to serve the County and assess the  
115 effectiveness of these programs and services. If sufficient information  
116 on the effectiveness of any program is not available, the [[Committee]]  
117 Commission should note that fact.
- 118 (h) Independently evaluate County-funded programs and services,  
119 including those from the Family Division of the Police Department, the  
120 State's Attorney, and the Department of Health and Human Services.

121           The evaluation should address whether capacity in these areas is  
122           adequate and assess the effectiveness of these programs and services. If  
123           sufficient information on the effectiveness of any program is not  
124           available, the [[Committee]] Commission should note that fact.

125   **12-42. Staff support.**

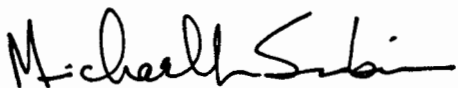
126           The [Montgomery County] Department of Health and Human Services must  
127   provide reasonable [secretarial] professional and administrative support to the  
128   [[committee]] Commission [in order] to facilitate [[the]] the Commission's work [[of  
129   the committee]].

130   **12-43. Bylaws.**

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


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

136   *Approved:*

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Michael L. Subin, President, County Council

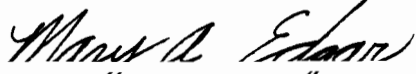
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138 *Approved:*

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Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive

*April 14, 2000*  
Date

140 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

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Mary A. Edgar, CMC, Clerk of the Council

*April 17, 2000*  
Date