

SB3085



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB3085

Introduced 2/8/2010, by Sen. Kwame Raoul

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

705 ILCS 405/5-121

Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Provides that the Illinois Juvenile Jurisdiction Task Force shall submit a report of its recommendations to the General Assembly by January 1, 2012 (rather than January 1, 2010). Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Juvenile Court Act of 1987 is amended by
5 changing Section 5-121 as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 405/5-121)

7 Sec. 5-121. Illinois Juvenile Jurisdiction Task Force.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

9 (1) 37 other states and the District of Columbia, the
10 Federal Government, and nearly every other nation in the
11 world use 18 as the age of juvenile court jurisdiction; and

12 (2) the Legislature of Connecticut voted last year to
13 raise the age to 18 for juvenile court; and

14 (3) recent research on adolescent brain development
15 reveals that the center of the brain that controls
16 reasoning and impulsivity is not fully developed until the
17 early twenties; and

18 (4) research consistently documents that trying youth
19 age 17 in the adult court disproportionately impacts
20 minority youth.

21 (b) The Illinois Juvenile Jurisdiction Task Force is hereby
22 created within the Department of Juvenile Justice. The mission
23 of the Illinois Juvenile Jurisdiction Task Force is to study

1 the impact of, develop timelines and propose a funding
2 structure to accommodate the expansion of the jurisdiction of
3 the Illinois Juvenile Court to include youth age 17 under the
4 jurisdiction of this Act.

5 (c) The Illinois Juvenile Jurisdiction Task Force shall
6 consist of the following members:

7 (1) one member appointed by the President of the
8 Senate;

9 (2) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
10 Senate;

11 (3) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House;

12 (4) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
13 House;

14 (5) one member appointed by the Governor;

15 (6) the Director of Juvenile Justice or his or her
16 designee;

17 (7) the Director of the Administrative Office of
18 Illinois Courts or his or her designee;

19 (8) the Cook County State's Attorney or his or her
20 designee;

21 (9) the Cook County Public Defender or his or her
22 designee;

23 (10) the Director of the Office of the State's
24 Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor or his or her designee;

25 (11) the State Appellate Defender or his or her
26 designee;

1 (12) the Chair of the Illinois Juvenile Justice
2 Commission;

3 (13) the Chair of the Redeploy Illinois Partnership;

4 (14) one member appointed by the Governor who is a
5 chairman of a county board; and

6 (15) one member appointed by the President of the
7 Illinois Probation and Court Services Association.

8 (d) The Task Force shall appoint a chairperson from among
9 its members. If a vacancy occurs in the Task Force membership,
10 the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the initial
11 appointment.

12 (e) Members of the Illinois Juvenile Jurisdiction Task
13 Force shall serve without compensation.

14 (f) The Illinois Juvenile Jurisdiction Task Force may begin
15 to conduct business upon the appointment of a majority of its
16 members.

17 (g) The Task Force shall submit a report by January 1, 2012
18 ~~2010~~ to the General Assembly with recommendations on extending
19 juvenile court jurisdiction to youth age 17 charged with felony
20 offenses.

21 (Source: P.A. 95-1031, eff. 2-10-09.)

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.