

1 AN ACT concerning courts.

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 6-12 as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 405/6-12)

7 Sec. 6-12. County juvenile justice councils.

8 (1) Each county, region or subset of a county, or group of
9 counties pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement, in the
10 State of Illinois may establish a county juvenile justice
11 council ("council"). Each of the following county and regional
12 officers shall designate a representative to serve on the
13 council: local law enforcement, the State Board of Education,
14 the Department of Human Services, the Juvenile Temporary
15 Detention Center, the Chamber of Commerce, the sheriff, the
16 State's Attorney, the Public Defender, Chief Probation
17 Officer, and the county board. In addition, the chief judge may
18 designate a representative to serve on the council.

19 (a) The council shall organize itself and elect from
20 its members a chairperson and such officers as are deemed
21 necessary. Until a chairperson is elected, the Justice
22 Advisory Council Director or his or her designee, or if the
23 county has no Justice Advisory Council Director, the

1 State's Attorney, or his or her designee, State's Attorney
2 shall serve as interim chairperson.

3 (b) The chairperson shall appoint additional members
4 of the council as is deemed necessary to accomplish the
5 purposes of this Article and whenever possible shall
6 appoint a local Chief of Police and a representative of a
7 community youth service provider. The additional members
8 shall ~~may~~ include, but are not limited to, representatives
9 of local law enforcement, juvenile justice agencies, faith
10 organizations, schools, businesses, and community
11 organizations.

12 (c) The county juvenile justice council shall meet
13 monthly ~~from time to time~~, but no less than semi-annually,
14 for the purpose of encouraging the initiation of, or
15 supporting ongoing, interagency cooperation and programs
16 to address juvenile delinquency and juvenile crime.

17 (d) Local Advisory Committees, or "LACs", may
18 represent local communities in each township. Twenty
19 percent of each LAC shall be composed of local-justice
20 involved youths aged 16-21. At least one youth and one
21 adult from each LAC shall serve on their local Juvenile
22 Justice Council. Each LAC shall establish a monthly meeting
23 schedule, and shall bring their local issues, concerns, and
24 recommendations to the Juvenile Justice Council.

25 (2) The purpose of a county juvenile justice council is to
26 provide a forum for the development of a community-based

1 interagency assessment of the local juvenile justice system, to
2 develop a county juvenile justice plan for the prevention of
3 juvenile delinquency, and to make recommendations to the county
4 board, or county boards, for more effectively utilizing
5 existing community resources in dealing with juveniles who are
6 found to be involved in crime, or who are truant or have been
7 suspended or expelled from school. The county juvenile justice
8 plan shall include relevant portions of local crime prevention
9 and public safety plans, school improvement and school safety
10 plans, and the plans or initiatives of other public and private
11 entities within the county that are concerned with dropout
12 prevention, school safety, the prevention of juvenile crime and
13 criminal activity by youth gangs.

14 (3) The duties and responsibilities of the county juvenile
15 justice council include, but are not limited to:

16 (a) Developing a county juvenile justice plan based
17 upon utilization of the resources of law enforcement,
18 school systems, park programs, sports entities, and others
19 in a cooperative and collaborative manner to prevent or
20 discourage juvenile crime.

21 (b) Entering into a written county interagency
22 agreement specifying the nature and extent of
23 contributions each signatory agency will make in achieving
24 the goals of the county juvenile justice plan and their
25 commitment to the sharing of information useful in carrying
26 out the goals of the interagency agreement to the extent

1 authorized by law.

2 (c) Applying for and receiving public or private
3 grants, to be administered by one of the community
4 partners, that support one or more components of the county
5 juvenile justice plan.

6 (d) (Blank). ~~Providing a forum for the presentation of~~
7 ~~interagency recommendations and the resolution of~~
8 ~~disagreements relating to the contents of the county~~
9 ~~interagency agreement or the performance by the parties of~~
10 ~~their respective obligations under the agreement.~~

11 (d-5) Facilitating community based collaboration and
12 perspective on oversight, research, and evaluation of
13 activities, programs, and policies directed towards and
14 impacting the lives of juveniles.

15 (e) Assisting and directing the efforts of local
16 community support organizations and volunteer groups in
17 providing enrichment programs and other support services
18 for clients of local juvenile detention centers.

19 (f) Developing and making available a county-wide or
20 multi-county resource guide for minors in need of
21 prevention, intervention, psycho-social, educational
22 support, and other services needed to prevent juvenile
23 delinquency.

24 (4) The council shall have no role in the charging or
25 prosecution of juvenile offenders.

26 (Source: P.A. 90-590, eff. 1-1-99.)