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AND INNAMORATO, JUNE 13, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 13, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in criminal history record
3 information, providing for unified criminal justice data
4 collection.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 9107. Unified criminal justice data collection.

10 (a) Formation of program.--The Pennsylvania Commission on
11 Crime and Delinquency, in consultation with the Pennsylvania
12 State Police, county prosecutors' offices, the court and the
13 Department of Corrections, shall establish the Unified Criminal
14 Justice Data Collection Program to collect, record and analyze
15 data regarding defendants in this Commonwealth who are 18 years
16 of age or older at the time of the commission of an alleged
17 indictable offense or an offense defined under Chapter 55
18 Subchapter A (relating to definition of offenses generally).

1 (b) Data compilation.--In furtherance of the program, the
2 commission shall compile data collected from the time a
3 defendant enters the criminal justice system of the Commonwealth
4 by arrest, charge or other action, through the final disposition
5 of the defendant's case. The data shall include information
6 concerning the race, ethnicity, gender and age of the defendant
7 and be compiled in accordance with the standards of the
8 classification of Federal data on race and ethnicity established
9 by the Federal Office of Management and Budget. The data shall
10 include:

11 (1) Warrants, arrests, charges, filing of criminal
12 complaints and indictments.

13 (2) Dismissed or downgraded charges.

14 (3) Cases which proceed to trial and the disposition of
15 the cases, including convictions and guilty pleas.

16 (4) Admission to diversionary programs, including data
17 on program applications, and any prosecutorial or court
18 consent or denial for a defendant's entry into diversionary
19 programs.

20 (5) Cases involving victims, including the race,
21 ethnicity, gender and age of the defendant and victims in
22 those cases.

23 (c) Cooperation.--The Pennsylvania State Police, county
24 prosecutors' offices, the court, Offices of Public Defender and
25 county and municipal police departments shall cooperate with the
26 commission in the implementation of the program, and shall
27 assist in the collection, recording, compilation and provision
28 of data in furtherance of the program to the extent and in the
29 manner required by the commission.

30 (d) Disclosure.--Nothing in this section shall be construed

1 to authorize the disclosure of any confidential or personal
2 identifying information.

3 (e) Report.--The commission shall prepare and publish an
4 annual report summarizing the data collected, recorded and
5 analyzed under this section and post the report on the publicly
6 accessible Internet website of the commission. No later than
7 August 1 of each year, the commission shall submit to the
8 Governor's Office, the chairperson and minority chairperson of
9 the Judiciary Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and
10 minority chairperson of the Judiciary Committee of the House of
11 Representatives the written report under this subsection
12 containing summaries of the data collected, recorded and
13 analyzed pursuant to this section. The Commission shall also
14 make recommendations as appropriate for legislative changes or
15 improvements that could be made to the criminal justice system
16 based on its findings.

17 (f) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
18 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
19 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

20 "Commission." The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and
21 Delinquency of the Commonwealth.

22 "Court." The minor judiciary or any other court in this
23 Commonwealth.

24 "Indictable offense." An offense other than a summary
25 offense.

26 "Personal identifying information." The name and any
27 aliases, address, Social Security number, telephone number, fax
28 number, driver's license number or email address or social media
29 address of any defendant or victim.

30 "Program." The Unified Criminal Justice Data Collection

1 Program established under this section.

2 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.