
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY WARD, BROWNE, TEPLITZ, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, FARNESE,
MENSCH, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, SABATINA, BROOKS AND HUGHES,
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REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JANUARY 21, 2016

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111),
2 entitled "An act providing for victims' rights; imposing
3 penalties; establishing remedies; establishing the Office of
4 Victim Advocate, the Bureau of Victims' Services, the
5 Victims' Services Advisory Committee, the State Offender
6 Supervision Fund and other funds; and making repeals," in
7 administration, further providing for committee.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 321 of the act of November 24, 1998
11 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, amended
12 October 30, 2000 (P.L.641, No.86), is amended to read:

13 Section 321. Committee.

14 (a) Establishment.--There is established the Victims'
15 Services Advisory Committee within the commission.

16 (b) Membership.--The committee shall consist of [15] the
17 following members:

18 (1) The Secretary of Aging or a designee.

19 (2) The Secretary of Corrections or a designee.

20 (3) The Secretary of [Public Welfare] Human Services or

1 a designee.

2 (4) The Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police or
3 a designee.

4 (5) The victim advocate.

5 (6) A district attorney appointed by the Governor.

6 (7) [Nine individuals appointed by the Governor.

7 Members under this paragraph must represent direct victims,
8 Statewide victims' coalitions, prosecution-based
9 victim/witness programs and other victim service or victim
10 advocacy organizations, the courts, members of local
11 government and other victims' organizations or organizations
12 involved in the coordination or delivery of services to
13 direct victims. At least one of the Governor's appointees
14 must be a representative of a victims' services agency
15 working directly with children.] The following individuals
16 appointed by the Governor, each of whom shall represent one
17 of the following:

18 (i) A direct victim of crime representing female
19 victims.

20 (ii) A direct victim of crime representing male
21 victims.

22 (iii) An area agency on aging.

23 (iv) The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic
24 Violence.

25 (v) The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape.

26 (vi) The Pennsylvania Chapter of Children's Advocacy
27 Centers and Multidisciplinary Teams.

28 (vii) The Pennsylvania Court Appointed Special
29 Advocates Association.

30 (viii) A county children and youth agency.

1 (ix) A prosecution-based victim witness program.

2 (x) A victims' service or advocacy organization.

3 (xi) The courts.

4 (xii) County government.

5 (xiii) A children's advocacy center or victims'
6 services agency working directly with children.

7 (xiv) Local law enforcement.

8 (xv) A mental health treatment provider.

9 (xvi) A victims' services agency working directly
10 with victims of human trafficking.

11 (8) Two residents of this Commonwealth appointed by the
12 chairman of the commission.

13 (c) Terms.--A member under subsection (b) (1) through (5)
14 shall serve ex officio. A member under subsection (b) (6) [or],
15 (7) or (8) shall serve for a four-year term and may be appointed
16 for no more than one additional consecutive term.

17 (d) Restrictions.--The committee and its members are subject
18 to the same limitations and conditions imposed upon the
19 commission as prescribed in section 2 of the act of November 22,
20 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274), referred to as the Pennsylvania
21 Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law.

22 (e) Quorum.--A majority of the members shall constitute a
23 quorum. A vote of the majority of the members present shall be
24 sufficient for all actions.

25 (f) Chair.--The Governor shall appoint a chairperson from
26 among the members of the committee. The chairperson shall serve
27 at the pleasure of the Governor. A vice chairperson shall be
28 designated by the chairperson and preside at meetings in the
29 absence of the chairperson.

30 (g) Meeting.--The committee shall meet at the call of the

1 chair but no fewer than four times a year.

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