

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2175

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE KRUPA

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 4, by striking out all of
2 said lines and inserting

3 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
4 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
5 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," establishing the Children
6 and Youth Cabinet and providing for duties of Children and
7 Youth Cabinet.

8 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 7 through 17; pages 2 through 12,
9 lines 1 through 30; page 13, lines 1 through 8; by striking out
10 all of said lines on said pages and inserting

11 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
12 as the Human Services Code, is amended by adding an article to
13 read:

14 ARTICLE VII-A

15 CHILDREN AND YOUTH CABINET

16 Section 701-A. Definitions.

17 The following words and phrases when used in this article
18 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
19 context clearly indicates otherwise:

20 "Cabinet." The Children and Youth Cabinet established under
21 section 702-A(a).

22 Section 702-A. Children and Youth Cabinet.

23 (a) Establishment.--The Children and Youth Cabinet is
24 established as an independent board within the department to
25 promote interdepartmental collaboration among all State agencies
26 tasked with protecting children. The cabinet shall promote the
27 coordination of programs implemented by State agencies tasked
28 with protecting children to ensure that the services are
29 planned, managed and delivered in a holistic and integrated
30 manner to improve the self-sufficiency, safety, economic
31 stability, health and quality of life of children.

32 (b) Meetings.--The cabinet shall meet at least six times
33 each year, but no more than 12 times each year, in different
34 regions of this Commonwealth to solicit input from the public
35 and any other individual offering testimony relevant to the

1 issues considered. The cabinet shall include a public comment
2 session in each meeting.

3 (c) Membership.--The cabinet shall consist of the following
4 members:

5 (1) The secretary or the secretary's designee.

6 (2) The Secretary of Education or a designee.

7 (3) A representative of the Office of Children, Youth
8 and Families, who shall be a nonvoting member.

9 (4) A representative of the Juvenile Courts Judges'
10 Commission

11 (5) A representative of the Pennsylvania Children and
12 Youth Administrators.

13 (6) A representative of the Office of Victim Advocate.

14 (7) A representative of the Office of Children and
15 Families in the Courts.

16 (8) A representative of the Pennsylvania Council of
17 Chief Juvenile Probation Officers.

18 (9) A representative of the Office of Childhood
19 Development and Early Learning, who shall be a nonvoting
20 member.

21 (10) A guardian ad litem or court-appointed special
22 advocate, who shall be jointly appointed by the chairperson
23 and minority chairperson of the Aging and Youth Committee of
24 the Senate.

25 (11) A court-appointed attorney who represents parents
26 in dependency matters, who shall be jointly appointed by the
27 chairperson and minority chairperson of the Judiciary
28 Committee of the Senate.

29 (12) An elected district attorney, who shall be jointly
30 appointed by the chairperson and minority chairperson of the
31 Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives.

32 (13) A juvenile court or family court judge appointed by
33 the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

34 (14) An individual with lived experience as a youth
35 within the foster care system of this Commonwealth, who shall
36 be jointly appointed by the chairperson and minority
37 chairperson of the Children and Youth Committee of the House
38 of Representatives.

39 (15) Four members who represent children and youth
40 advocacy organizations, one of whom shall be selected by each
41 of the following:

42 (i) The chairperson of the Aging and Youth Committee
43 of the Senate.

44 (ii) The minority chairperson of the Aging and Youth
45 Committee of the Senate.

46 (iii) The chairperson of the Children and Youth
47 Committee of the House of Representatives.

48 (iv) The minority chairperson of the Children and
49 Youth Committee of the House of Representatives.

50 (16) A member appointed by each of the following:

51 (i) The Majority Leader of the Senate.

- 1 (ii) The Minority Leader of the Senate.
2 (iii) The Majority Leader of the House of
3 Representatives.
4 (iv) The Minority Leader of the House of
5 Representatives.

6 (d) Chair.--The members of the cabinet shall select a member
7 to serve as chair.

8 (e) Public officials.--Each member of the cabinet shall be
9 deemed a public official as defined in 65 Pa.C.S. § 1102
10 (relating to definitions) and shall be subject to the provisions
11 of 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 11 (relating to ethics standards and financial
12 disclosure).

13 (f) Compensation.--Members of the cabinet shall serve
14 without compensation, but shall receive reimbursement for
15 expenses incurred on behalf of the cabinet, which shall be paid
16 by the department.

17 Section 703-A. Duties of cabinet.

18 The cabinet shall have the following duties:

19 (1) Develop and implement a shared and cohesive vision
20 using integrated services to improve child, youth and family
21 outcomes in this Commonwealth.

22 (2) Develop a strategic plan to achieve the goals of the
23 shared and cohesive vision under paragraph (1). The cabinet
24 shall focus the plan on a long-term commitment to children
25 and youth issues and align all public resources to serve
26 children and youth and their families in a manner that
27 supports the healthy growth and development of children. The
28 cabinet shall include a continuum of services in the plan
29 that will benefit children from prenatal care through
30 services for youth in transition to adulthood.

31 (3) Develop and implement measurable outcomes for each
32 State agency and program that are consistent with the
33 strategic plan under paragraph (2). The cabinet shall
34 establish a baseline measurement for each outcome and
35 regularly report on the progress made toward achieving the
36 desired outcome.

37 (4) Design and implement actions that will promote
38 collaboration, creativity, increased efficiency, information
39 sharing and improved service delivery between and within
40 State agencies that provide services for children and youth
41 and their families.

42 (5) Foster public awareness of children and youth issues
43 and develop new partners in the effort to serve children and
44 youth.

45 (6) Create a children and youth impact statement for
46 evaluating proposed legislation, requested appropriations and
47 programs. The cabinet shall share the impact statement with
48 the General Assembly as the cabinet deems necessary.

49 (7) Identify existing and potential funding streams and
50 resources for children's services, including public funding,
51 foundation and organization grants and other forms of private

1 funding opportunities, including public-private partnerships.

2 (8) Engage in other activities that will implement
3 improved collaboration of State agencies to create, manage
4 and promote coordinated policies, programs and service
5 delivery systems that support children and youth.

6 Section 704-A. Annual report.

7 By December 31 of each year, the cabinet shall provide an
8 annual report to the Governor, the General Assembly and the
9 public concerning the cabinet's activities and accomplishments.
10 The cabinet may include recommendations in the annual report for
11 interdepartmental collaboration and program implementation to
12 ensure that services designed for children and youth are
13 planned, managed and delivered in a holistic and integrated
14 manner to improve the self-sufficiency, safety, economic
15 stability, health and quality of life of children.

16 Section 705-A. Dissolution of cabinet and applicability.

17 The cabinet shall dissolve June 30, 2027. This article shall
18 not apply on or after June 30, 2027.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.