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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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WANSACZ, YUDICHAK AND STABACK, APRIL 29, 2009

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 29, 2009

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for  
3 powers and duties of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6373 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 6373. Powers and duties.

9 The commission shall have the power and is required to do the  
10 following:

11 (1) Advise the juvenile court judges of this  
12 Commonwealth in all matters pertaining to the proper care and  
13 maintenance of delinquent and dependent children.

14 (2) Examine the administrative methods and judicial  
15 procedure used in juvenile courts throughout this  
16 Commonwealth, establish standards and make recommendations on  
17 the same to the courts presiding over juvenile proceedings

1 within this Commonwealth.

2 (3) Examine the personnel practices and employment  
3 standards used in probation offices in this Commonwealth,  
4 establish standards and make recommendations on the same to  
5 courts presiding over juvenile proceedings within this  
6 Commonwealth.

7 (4) Collect, compile, analyze and publish [such]  
8 statistical and other data and trends in the juvenile justice  
9 system as may be needed to accomplish reasonable and  
10 efficient administration of the juvenile [courts] court  
11 system, and make recommendations to judges, the  
12 Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts and other  
13 entities as deemed appropriate.

14 (5) Provide information regarding evidence-based  
15 programs and other best practices that are consistent with  
16 accomplishing the purposes set forth in section 6301(b)  
17 (relating to short title and purposes of chapter). This  
18 information, in addition to the data, analyses and trends  
19 under paragraph (4) shall be posted on the commission's  
20 Internet website.

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