



COUNTY OF LEHIGH
Lehigh County Prison

Edward G. Sweeney
Warden

March 23, 1999

Representative Thomas Gannon
Judiciary Committee Majority Chairman
House Box 202020
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Representative Gannon:

This correspondence is being submitted on the behalf of the Pennsylvania Prison Warden's Association and is in regards to House Bill #317. After careful consideration our association is in opposition to House Bill #317.

In summary, the placement of children who have not been charged or adjudicated as adults into adult correctional facilities is extremely problematic.

In the event this Bill moves forward and a public hearing is to convene, I am requesting you notify me in order to permit a PPWA Representative the opportunity to offer comments.

Sincerely,

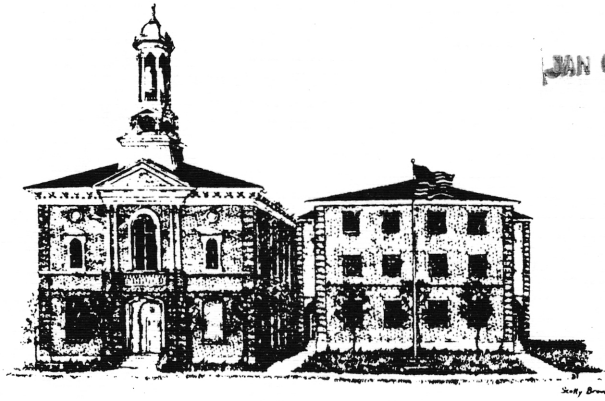
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PPWA Legislative Committee Member

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TO: Representative Allen Egolf

FROM: Commissioner Mark K. Keller *MKK*

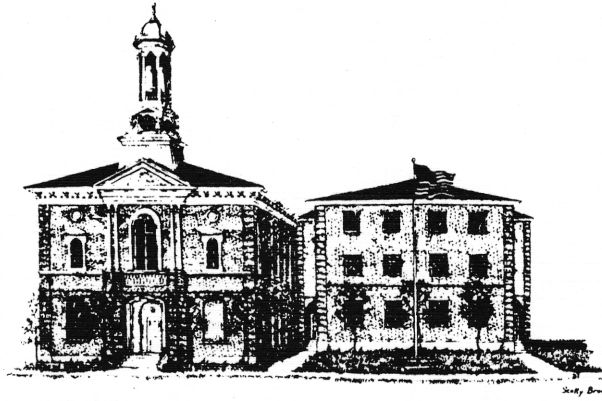
RE: Second Draft Legislation Juvenile Detention

DATE: February 6, 1997

After review and discussion with the Warden and Chief Probation Officer, we feel that the second draft legislation addresses all of our concerns. With regard to county support, I have made contacts with the president of the South Central County Commissioners Association and the chairman of the courts and correction's committee of the County Commissioners' Association of Pennsylvania. They have asked me to attend their meeting on March 7, 1997, at the CCAP building in Harrisburg at 10:00 a.m. I am personally extending that invitation to you as well since you are the Representative sponsoring this piece of legislation. I feel this would show a greater support from the state level of government regarding a problem that is not just affecting one county, but numerous counties, as the survey reflects.

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Mark will present it at the Mar 7 mtg and then it will be on agenda at the statewide mtg. After we get comments O.K. then take it to DOW & corrections.

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Memo To: Representative Allan Egolf

From: Commissioner Mark Keller *MKK*

Subject: Draft Legislation
Juvenile Detention

Date: January 10, 1997

Upon review and discussion of the draft legislation with the Perry County Warden some initial questions that he has brought to the table need to be answered involves the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Welfare-- is the DPW going to monitor and inspect 'prison facilities' housing said juveniles and are these 'prison facilities' going to have to adhere to DPW rules and regulations affecting juveniles?? If the DPW is going to be the governing agency, will the 'prison facilities' have to provide 'specially trained' staff to supervise the juveniles and to provide educational instruction to the juveniles plus will the 'prison facilities' be permitted to 'lockdown' juvenile inmates??

Questions relating specifically to the draft include:

- *Objection To Possibility Of Placing A '...Child Alleged to Have Committed A...Summary Offense'
- Adult Prison Facility Already Conforms Limitations When Dealing With Adults Who Commit Summary Offense (i.e. Cannot Strip Search)
- *Definition Is Needed As To Whether A 'Time Limitation' Exist Or Does Not Exist
- Appears Open Ended With Language 'While Awaiting Space In A Juvenile Detention Center'
- *Objection To Language That Places Responsibility Upon The 'Prison Facility' Administrator To '...Bring Him (Juvenile) Before The Court Upon Request Or Deliver Him To A Detention Or Shelter Care Facility...'
- Juvenile Probation Authorities Should Handle Such Cases

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TO: All House Members

FROM: Rep. Allan Egolf *AE*

SUBJECT: Reintroduction of Legislation - **Juvenile Detention**

In the very near future, I will be reintroducing legislation (previously H.B. 1622) aimed at permitting a juvenile to be housed within a county correctional facility under very limited circumstances. This legislation is necessary because only 20 of the 67 counties in Pennsylvania have their own Juvenile Detention Centers. Of the remaining counties, 14 have contracts allowing them to use space within the 20 existing facilities and 33 counties have no contracts nor any guaranteed juvenile detention bed spaces. The need for juvenile bed space within these 33 counties is real and urgent given the current explosion across Pennsylvania in juvenile court cases.

Under this legislation an adjudicated delinquent juvenile could be housed in a county correctional facility only when:

1. there is an immediate and urgent necessity to detain the child; and
2. the offense the child is charged with involved physical harm or the threat of physical harm to the victim; and
3. there is a need to ensure the court appearance of the child and there is reason to believe that the child may abscond; and
4. there is no parent or responsible adult willing and able to assume responsibility; and
5. other resources have been tried and have been proven unsuccessful; and
6. the child will be separated by sight and sound from incarcerated adult offenders; and
7. the child will be under continuous visual supervision of staff; and
8. the child will be placed in the first available juvenile detention space within a reasonable distance or contiguous space.

I believe that this legislation strikes the proper balance between the law enforcement and safety needs of the community and the proper protection of a juvenile offender.

If you wish to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Teri Root by Groupwise or by e-mail at troot@pahousegop.com or call 3-1593 as soon as possible.

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