

April 8, 2009

H 1279. LEGISLATIVE STUDY ON YOUTH VIOLENCE/FUNDS. Filed 4/8/08. *AN ACT CREATING THE LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON YOUTH VIOLENCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.*

Appropriates \$100,000 for 2009-10 and \$100,000 for 2010-11 from the General Fund to the General Assembly to fund work by the Legislative Study Commission on Youth Violence. Creates commission with 21 voting members, seven each to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Governor. Provides that the House Speaker's appointees include a person in the field of psychiatry, psychology, or social work and a person involved in community-based efforts to stem youth violence. Provides that the appointees of the President Pro Tem. include a person from the juvenile justice system and a person engaged in university-level research on child development and adolescent issues. Provides that gubernatorial appointees include an active or retired juvenile probation officer, a current or retired public school teacher, a person in the field of foster care and a person from the faith-based community. Provides that the Secretaries of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; Crime Control and Public Safety; and Health and Human Services, or each's respective designee shall serve as ex-officio nonvoting members of the commission.

Directs the commission to (1) consider the causes and effects of youth violence in the state; (2) review current State, local, and private efforts to prevent youth violence; and (3) hold at least three public hearings for citizen input on youth violence, victims' issues, and related matters. Directs the commission to make an interim report to the General Assembly by the convening of the 2010 session and make a final report to the 2011 session with findings, recommendations, and legislative proposals relating to youth violence.

Effective July 1, 2009.

Intro. by Pierce.

STUDY, APPROPRIATION