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Short Title: Local JCPC Membership. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Haire and Kiser (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS OF THE JUVENILE  
CRIME PREVENTION COUNCILS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT  
LEGISLATIVE CORRECTIONS, CRIME CONTROL, AND JUVENILE JUSTICE  
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 143B-544 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 143B-544. Creation; method of appointment; membership; chair and vice-chair.**

(a) As a prerequisite for a county receiving funding for juvenile court services and delinquency prevention programs, the board of commissioners of a county shall appoint a Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. Each County Council is a continuation of the corresponding Council created under G.S. 147-33.61. The County Council shall consist of not more than 26 members and should include, if possible, the following:

- (1) The local school superintendent, or that person's designee;
- (2) A chief of police in the county;
- (3) The local sheriff, or that person's designee;
- (4) The district attorney, or that person's designee;
- (5) The chief court counselor, or that person's designee;
- (6) The director of the area mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse authority, or that person's designee;
- (7) The director of the county department of social services, or consolidated human services agency, or that person's designee;
- (8) The county manager, or that person's designee;
- (9) A substance abuse professional;
- (10) A member of the faith community;
- (11) A county commissioner;

- 1           (12) Two persons under the age of 18 years, one of whom is a member of  
2           the State Youth Council;  
3           (13) A juvenile defense attorney;  
4           (14) The chief district court judge, or a judge designated by the chief  
5           district court judge;  
6           (15) A member of the business community;  
7           (16) The local health director, or that person's designee;  
8           (17) A representative from the United Way or other nonprofit agency;  
9           (18) A representative of a local parks and recreation program; and  
10          (19) Up to seven members of the public to be appointed by the board of  
11          commissioners of a county.

12          Persons designated to be members of the County Council, by a member authorized  
13 to appoint a designee, shall have the same authority and voting powers on the County  
14 Council as the person making the designation, and shall act as a full member of the  
15 County Council.

16          The board of commissioners of a county shall modify the County Council's  
17 membership as necessary to ensure that the members reflect the racial and  
18 socioeconomic diversity of the community and to minimize potential conflicts of  
19 interest by members.

20          (b) Two or more counties may establish a multicounty Juvenile Crime Prevention  
21 Council under subsection (a) of this section. The membership shall be representative of  
22 each participating county.

23          (c) The members of the County Council shall elect annually the chair and  
24 vice-chair."

25           **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.