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HOUSE BILL 1538

Short Title: Local JCPC Membership. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Haire, Kiser (Primary Sponsors); Frye and Insko.

Referred to: Judiciary IV.

May 20, 2004

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS OF THE JUVENILE
3 CRIME PREVENTION COUNCILS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT
4 LEGISLATIVE CORRECTIONS, CRIME CONTROL, AND JUVENILE JUSTICE
5 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143B-544 reads as rewritten:
8 **"§ 143B-544. Creation; method of appointment; membership; chair and**
9 **vice-chair.**

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

- 15 (1) The local school superintendent, or that person's designee;
- 16 (2) A chief of police in the county;
- 17 (3) The local sheriff, or that person's designee;
- 18 (4) The district attorney, or that person's designee;
- 19 (5) The chief court counselor, or that person's designee;
- 20 (6) The director of the area mental health, developmental disabilities, and
21 substance abuse authority, or that person's designee;
- 22 (7) The director of the county department of social services, or
23 consolidated human services agency, or that person's designee;
- 24 (8) The county manager, or that person's designee;
- 25 (9) A substance abuse professional;
- 26 (10) A member of the faith community;
- 27 (11) A county commissioner;
- 28 (12) Two persons under the age of 18 years, one of whom is a member of
29 the State Youth Council;

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

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

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

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

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

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