

House Bill 1433 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Setzler of the 35th, Smith of the 70th, and Scoggins of the 14th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 35-6A-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 advisory board created and membership relative to the Criminal Justice Coordinating
3 Council, so as to revise and update the composition of the advisory board; to provide for
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 35-6A-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to advisory board
8 created and membership relative to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, is amended
9 by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

10 "(a) There is established an advisory board to the council which shall consist of at least 15
11 and not more than 33 members appointed by the Governor who have training, experience,
12 or special knowledge concerning the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency, the
13 administration of juvenile justice, or the reduction of juvenile delinquency and shall be
14 composed of:

15 (1) At least three members of the council, two of whom are not full-time government
16 employees or elected officials;

- 17 (2) At least one locally elected official representing general purpose local government;
- 18 (3) Representatives of law enforcement and juvenile justice agencies, including juvenile
19 and family court judges, prosecuting attorneys, attorneys for children and youth, and
20 probation workers;
- 21 (4) Representatives of public agencies concerned with delinquency prevention or
22 treatment, such as welfare, social services, mental health, education, special education,
23 recreation, and youth services;
- 24 (5) Representatives of private nonprofit organizations, including individuals with a
25 special focus on preserving and strengthening families, parent groups and parent self-help
26 groups, youth development, delinquency prevention and treatment, neglected or
27 dependent children, the quality of juvenile justice, education, and social services for
28 children;
- 29 (6) Volunteers who work with delinquent children or potential delinquent children;
- 30 (7) ~~Youth workers involved with~~ Representatives of programs that are alternatives to
31 incarceration, including programs providing organized recreation activities;
- 32 (8) Individuals with special experience and competence in addressing problems related
33 to school violence and vandalism and alternatives to suspension and expulsion; and
- 34 (9) ~~Individuals with special experience and competence in addressing problems related~~
35 ~~to learning disabilities, emotional difficulties, child abuse and neglect, and youth~~
36 ~~violence.~~ Persons, licensed or certified by the applicable state, with expertise and
37 competence in preventing and addressing mental health and substance abuse issues in
38 delinquent youth and youth at risk of delinquency; and
- 39 (10) Representatives of victim or witness advocacy groups, including at least one
40 individual with expertise in addressing the challenges of sexual abuse and exploitation
41 and trauma, particularly the needs of youth who experience disproportionate levels of
42 sexual abuse, exploitation, and trauma before entering the juvenile justice system.

43 (b)(1) A majority of the members of the advisory board, including the chairperson, shall
44 not be full-time employees of the federal, state, or local government.

45 (2) At least one-fifth of the members of the advisory board shall be under ~~24~~ 28 years of
46 age at the time of their appointment.

47 (3) At least three members shall have been or shall currently be under the jurisdiction of
48 the juvenile justice system of this state or, if not feasible and in appropriate
49 circumstances, shall be a parent or guardian of a person who has been or is currently
50 under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system."

51 **SECTION 2.**

52 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.