
AN ACT

To amend Section 3 of Chapter 7 of Title I of Public Law No. 1-8 by adding a new subsection (f), to amend Chapter 7 of Title I of Public Law No. 1-8 by adding Sections 6 to 11, to establish a Division of Youth Services, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1. Amendment. Section 3 of Chapter 7 of Title I of Public
2 Law No. 1-8 is hereby amended by adding a new subsection (f) as follows:

3 "(f) Youth Services."

4 Section 2. Amendment. Chapter 7 of Title I of Public Law No. 1-8
5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 "Section 6. Division of Youth Services: Establishment of.

7 There is hereby established within the Department of
8 Community and Cultural Affairs a Division of Youth
9 Services to be headed by an administrator. The
10 purpose of the Division of Youth Services is to
11 plan, coordinate, develop, and implement programs
12 and services designed to provide developmental and
13 rehabilitative services to youth. The Division is
14 responsible for the provision of services to all
15 youth including those youth adjudged to be wards
16 of a court of the Commonwealth with jurisdiction
17 in juvenile cases.

18 Section 7. Definitions.

19 (a) "Division" means the Division of Youth Services.

20 (b) "Administrator" means the administrator of the
21 Division of Youth Services.

- 1 (c) "Youth" means any person who has not yet reached
2 the age of eighteen.
- 3 (d) "Ward" means any youth adjudged to be under
4 the protection of a Commonwealth court with
5 jurisdiction in juvenile cases.
- 6 (e) "Status Offender" means any minor adjudged
7 to be delinquent for an offense which, if
8 committed by an adult, would not be
9 considered an illegal activity.
- 10 (f) "Non-secure Facility" means a dwelling or
11 institution characterized by the absence
12 of physically restricting construction,
13 hardware, and procedures, which provides
14 twenty-four hour care, custody, and control
15 to minors in residence. Such residential
16 care may be provided by:
- 17 (i) A person designated by the juvenile court
18 to be of good moral character; or
- 19 (ii) An association, society, or corporation
20 embracing within its objects the purpose
21 of caring for minors; or
- 22 (iii) Any suitable facility, public or private,
23 certified by the Division of Youth Services
24 as meeting minimum standards for providing
25 care for needy or neglected minors.

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- 1 "Section 8. Division of Youth Services: Duties and
2 Responsibilities. The Division shall:
- 3 (a) Provide services and programs to the youth of
4 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
5 including but not limited to recreational services,
6 individual and group counseling, outreach, survival
7 education, employability development, and substance
8 abuse training;
- 9 (b) Make such referrals as are necessary when certain
10 services are best provided by other agencies within
11 the Government of the Northern Marianas or by other
12 resources within the community;
- 13 (c) Provide assistance and cooperation to community
14 groups which provide or sponsor programs and
15 services beneficial to youth;
- 16 (d) Collect and disseminate information and research
17 data pertaining to youth needs and problems;
- 18 (e) Provide secure and non-secure shelter for the
19 temporary care of youth for whom secure or
20 non-secure custody is required for their own
21 protection or that of the community as
22 determined by the juvenile court;
- 23 (f) Approve any arrangements for the use of
24 private homes for such care or detention;
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- 1 (g) Provide parent effectiveness training to families
2 of pre-delinquent and delinquent youth;
3 (h) Assume custody of youth referred to the Division
4 by the Department of Public Safety or the Court;
5 (i) Provide rehabilitative services to youth
6 adjudicated by the courts and referred to the
7 Division; and
8 (j) Review and report in writing on the progress of
9 each youth adjudicated by the court and referred
10 to the Division. A copy of the report shall be
11 submitted to the youth and to the judge of the
12 juvenile court. In addition, the contents of the
13 report shall be orally explained to the youth.

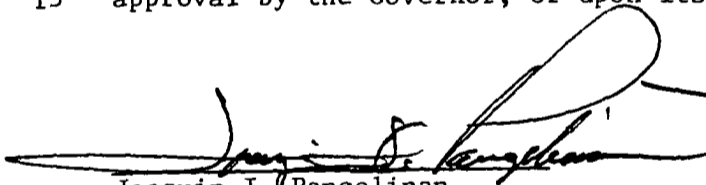
14 "Section 9. Division of Youth Services: Staff. The
15 Division of Youth Services may employ such staff as may be
16 required to assist it in performing its duties pursuant to
17 budgetary appropriation. Such staff shall be members of
18 the Civil Service.


19 "Section 10. Division of Youth Services: Grants. The
20 Division of Youth Services is hereby authorized to accept
21 gifts, grants, or grants-in-aid from any sources whatsoever.
22 Any funds received through gifts, grants and grants-in-aid
23 and their source, nature and value shall be separately
24 documented and recorded for accounting and reporting
25 purposes, shall be reported to the Governor and the

1 Legislature, and all such funds shall remain available
2 for expenditure by the Division and shall not revert
3 to the General Fund. The Director of the Department
4 of Community and Cultural Affairs and the Division
5 Administrator, jointly, or their authorized designees
6 are hereby authorized to expend, obligate, encumber
7 or otherwise commit these funds.

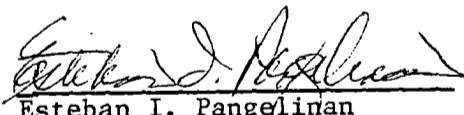
8 "Section 11. Authorization for Appropriation. There is
9 hereby authorized to be appropriated from the General
10 Fund of the Commonwealth a sum adequate to implement the
11 provisions of this Act, including the hiring of staff
12 necessary to perform the services and functions of the
13 Division as provided herein."

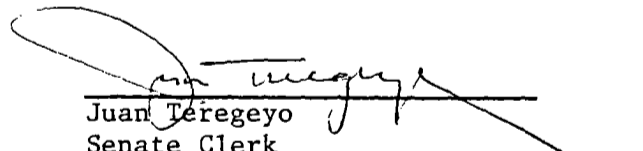
14 Section 3. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its
15 approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

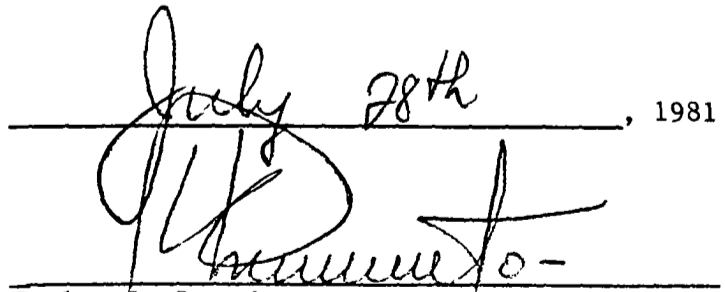

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