

EXECUTIVE ORDER 97-6

ARIZONA JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the children of the State of Arizona are our most valuable resource and our most important responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of society begins with the adequate supervision of its children; and

WHEREAS, social and cultural conditions are increasingly jeopardizing the health, safety, and well-being of Arizona's children and families; and

WHEREAS, the prevention of the entry of Arizona's children into criminal behavior is a priority; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission is created within the Governor's Division for Children; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Juvenile Justice Advisory Council is hereby discontinued and its corresponding responsibilities are transferred to the Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fife Symington, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby define the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") and delineate herein its responsibilities and organization:

1. The Commission is continued as established, hereinafter serving in a supervisory capacity over the duties for which it was established as set forth in the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"). It shall consist of not fewer than 15 members nor more than 33 members appointed at the pleasure of the Governor. Members shall be selected as required in the Act or in any federal law subsequent to the aforementioned Act. The Commission shall meet at least once each calendar quarter,
2. The Commission shall:
 - a. Advise the Governor and Legislature of the State of Arizona on those matters relating to the improvement of the juvenile justice system and its services to youth,
 - b. Advocate for full implementation of the Act or with any subsequent federal law or Act which may set forth requirements for the funding of juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs in the State,
 - c. Work jointly with the Governor's Division for Children to:
 - i. administer the formula grant program in accordance with appropriate State and Federal law,
 - ii. develop and determine policy to improve the quality of juvenile

- justice, and
- iii make final determination of funding recipients of federal and state funding of juvenile justice pass through funds.
3. Paragraphs 3 & 4 of Executive Order 93-23 are hereby repealed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Fife Symington
Governor

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this Twenty-sixth day of June in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-six -seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twentieth Twenty-first.

ATTEST:

Jane Dee Hull
Secretary of State