

ASSEMBLY, No. 835

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblyman ARNONE and Assemblywoman CRECCO

1 AN ACT to establish certain regional juvenile treatment centers and
2 supplementing chapter 4 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. The Juvenile Justice Commission created by P.L. ,c.
8 (C.)(now pending before the Legislature as Assembly Bill No. 2988
9 or Senate Bill No. 2211 shall establish and maintain one or more
10 residential centers for the treatment of juveniles who have been
11 adjudicated delinquent of sex offenses. The Juvenile Justice
12 Commission may enter into a contract for a private entity to establish
13 and maintain the programs set forth in this act if the Commission
14 determines that this option is in the best interests of the State. For the
15 purposes of this act, a sex offense shall include the following
16 enumerated offenses: aggravated sexual assault; sexual assault;
17 aggravated criminal sexual contact; kidnapping pursuant to paragraph
18 (2) of subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:13-1; endangering the welfare of a
19 child by engaging in sexual conduct which would impair or debauch
20 the morals of the child pursuant to subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:24-4;
21 endangering the welfare of a child pursuant to paragraph (4) of
22 subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:24-4; luring or enticing pursuant to section
23 1 of P.L.1993, c.291 (C.2C:13-6); criminal sexual contact pursuant to
24 N.J.S.2C:14-3b. if the victim is a minor; kidnapping pursuant to
25 N.J.S.2C:13-1, criminal restraint pursuant to N.J.S.2C:13-2, or false
26 imprisonment pursuant to N.J.S.2C:13-3 if the victim is a minor and
27 the offender is not the parent of the victim.

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29 2. a. Each center shall be designed and staffed to provide
30 residential treatment for juveniles who have been adjudicated
31 delinquent of a sexual offense. The treatment program shall include,
32 but not be limited to: individual and group therapy and counseling;
33 specialized psychological treatment; family involvement and support
34 programs; academic and vocational educational programs and training;
35 life and social skills training; and physical activities. To insure the

1 most effective treatment of the juveniles admitted to the center, the
2 Juvenile Justice Commission may limit the number of residents at each
3 center.

4 b. Each center shall develop and provide an aftercare program for
5 juvenile offenders who successfully complete the treatment and
6 training programs during their residence at the center. The juvenile
7 offender shall participate in an aftercare program for at least 18
8 months following the completion of his residence at the center. The
9 aftercare program shall include, but not be limited to: outpatient
10 treatment programs, including individual and group therapy and
11 counseling; family involvement programs; community integration
12 programs; and parent support groups.

13 Participation in the aftercare program may, at the court's discretion,
14 be a condition of probation and may, at the discretion of the Parole
15 Board, be a condition of parole or post-incarceration supervision.

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17 3. This act shall take effect immediately but shall remain
18 inoperative until the effective date of P.L. c. (C.)(now pending
19 before the Legislature as Assembly Bill No. 2988 of 1995 of Senate
20 Bill No. 2211 of 1995).

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill directs the Juvenile Justice Commission to establish one or
26 more residential treatment facilities for juveniles adjudicated
27 delinquent for a sexual offense. The bill originally referred to the
28 Commissioner of the Department of Human Services and this reference
29 has been changed to refer to the Juvenile Justice Commission which is
30 created by other pending legislation.

31 Prior to amendment, the bill identified the Pinelands Residential
32 Group Center as the southern regional facility and suggested rural
33 locations for other centers. That language (subsection b. of section 1)
34 is deleted by these committee amendments. As amended the bill refers
35 only to the establishment of one or more residential centers.

36 The centers are to be designed and staffed to provide residential
37 treatment for juveniles adjudicated delinquent for a sexual offense.
38 Prior to amendment the bill referred to juvenile males between the
39 ages of 14 and 18 who had been convicted or adjudicated. The
40 committee amendments eliminate the age and gender restrictions and
41 eliminate those convicted from the scope of the bill.

42 The treatment program is to include: individual and group therapy
43 and counseling; specialized psychological treatment; family and parent
44 involvement and support programs; academic and vocational
45 education; life and social skill training; and physical activities.

46 The centers also are to develop and provide aftercare programs for

1 those juveniles who successfully complete their treatment and training
2 programs. The bill specifies that the court may direct that
3 participation in these programs constitute a condition of parole or
4 probation.

5 The committee amendments omit section 3 of the bill which
6 provided that a juvenile sex offender must be recommended for
7 admission to one of the centers.

8 The amendments omit section 4 concerning removal of a juvenile
9 offender who refused to participate in any treatment or training at the
10 center and section 5 concerning rule-making.

11 The operation of this bill is tied to the effective date of the
12 legislation creating the Juvenile Justice Commission.

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18 Authorizes establishment of regional treatment centers for juvenile sex
19 offenders.