

A RESOLUTION concerning Tennessee's system of juvenile justice.

WHEREAS, at least twenty-five years have elapsed since the General Assembly's most recent, systematic review of Tennessee's juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, during such time, a variety of societal forces have emerged to increasingly jeopardize the health, safety, and well-being of Tennessee children and youth and to forcefully challenge the efficacy of Tennessee's juvenile code, courts, and delinquency prevention, rehabilitation, and correctional programs; and

WHEREAS, large segments of Tennesseans now perceive juvenile crime as both a significant, personal threat and a serious societal problem; and

WHEREAS, at this time it is appropriate for this body to examine such issues in-depth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That this body hereby requests the Select Committee on Children and Youth to perform a comprehensive review and evaluation of Tennessee's system of juvenile justice, including an examination of the efficacy of juvenile delinquency statutes, juvenile courts, as well as juvenile delinquency prevention, rehabilitation and correctional programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all agencies and entities of state and local government are hereby directed, upon request of the committee, to cooperate fully with and to assist the committee in such undertaking.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Commissioner of Youth Development, the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of

Human Services, the Executive Director of the Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges,  
and the Executive Director of the Commission on Children and Youth.