COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE

D.C. LAW 6-55

"District of Columbia Correctional Facility Study Commission Act of 1985".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 6-67 on first and second readings, July 9, 1985, and September 10, 1985, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on September 30, 1985, this legislation was assigned Act No. 6-78, published in the October 11, 1985, edition of the D.C. Register, (Vol. 32 page 5715) and transmitted to Congress on October 3, 1985 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602 (c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 6-55, effective November 19, 1985.

Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

October 3,4,7,8,9,10,11,16,17,18,21,22,23,24,25,28,29,30,

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D.C. ACT 6-78

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To establish a study commission for the purpose of advising the District of Columbia government regarding whether new correctional facilities are needed, the site selection and construction of or renovation of an existing structure for its use as an additional correctional facility, if needed; the cost of constructing a new facility or renovating an existing structure; a recommended prison population to be housed in any new facility, including the possibility of housing women; innovative penal institution programs for the incarcerated to be used at the facility; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Correctional Facility Study Commission Act of 1985".

Sec. 2. (a) There is established a Correctional Facility Study Commission ("Study Commission") to be comprised of 15 members, 5 of whom shall be appointed by members of the Committee on the Judiciary of the Council of the District of Columbia ("Council"), 2 of whom shall be appointed by the chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Council and 7 of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor of the District of Columbia, in accordance with subsection (b) of this section. An appointee of the Mayor of the District of Columbia ("Mayor") shall serve as chairperson of the Study Commission.

Note, D.C. Code sec. 24-4%: (1986 supp.

- (b) The Mayor shall make mayoral appointments to ensure representation of various experts in the area of criminal justice, experts in innovative programs for the incarcerated, as well as representatives from public and community interest organizations.
- (c) The terms of the members shall be 180 days from the first meeting of the Study Commission. Vacancies occurring upon the Study Commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.
- (d) Members of the Study Commission shall be appointed within 30 days of the effective date of the District of Columbia Correctional Facility Study Commission Emergency Act of 1985. The chairperson of the Study Commission shall convene an organizational meeting no later than 15 days after a sufficient number of appointments have been made to the Study Commission to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. Members of the Study Commission shall serve until 30 days after its report has been submitted to the Council and the Mayor.
- (e) It shall be the duty of the Study Commission to study all matters relating to the development of an additional correctional facility, including but not limited to:
- (1) What extent, if any, new correctional facilities are needed;
- (2) Examining existing structures which could be renovated or expanded and made suitable for use as a

correctional facility;

- (3) Determining the cost of renovating an existing structure and the cost of constructing a new correctional facility;
- (4) Examining alternative sites for the construction of a new correctional facility;
- (5) Exploring innovative financing of a new or renovated facility, including use of the existing prison population for construction labor as part of a new construction apprenticeship program;
- (6) Recommending a prisoner population which could be housed in the facility, including women prisoners and the possibility of a coed correctional institution;
- (7) Studying innovative correctional institution programs for the incarcerated which would allow this facility to stand as a model facility for such programs, including but not limited to examining a comprehensive drug rehabilitation program, new vocational apprenticeship programs, and programs which would allow the prison population to assist in developing community programs which would deter District of Columbia youth from becoming involved in criminal activity; and
- (8) Approaches to relieving overcrowding other than construction of a new facility.
- (f) Within 180 days after the first meeting of the Commission has been convened, the Study Commission shall submit to the Council and the Mayor a final report containing specific recommendations for appropriate

legislative and regulatory action on the subjects mentioned in subsection (e) of this section. However, before the final report is submitted to the Council and the Mayor, the Study Commission shall conduct a public hearing or permit the public to comment in some other manner.

- (g) Members of the Study Commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses associated with their services.
- (h) The Mayor shall provide sufficient space for the Study Commission to operate and may detail personnel to assist the Study Commission in its activities.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect after a 30-day period of Congressional review following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto) as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act,

approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code, sec. 1-233(c)(1)).

Chairman

Council of the District of Columbia

District of Columbia APPROVED: September 30, 1985



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