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COUNTY OF ERIE

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LOCAL LAW NO. 3

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 9 (Print #1)

1983

A LOCAL LAW amending Local Law No. 1-1959 constituting the Erie County Charter, as amended, by adding thereto a new article XI-F; and by amending Local Law No. 1-1960 constituting the Erie County Administrative Code, as amended, by adding thereto a new article 11-F; both in relation to providing for the establishment of a Department of Youth Services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE, AS
FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Declaration of Purpose. The County of Erie, recognizing the many needs and increasing problems of the County's youth population, and recognizing its responsibility to assist these youthful citizens insofar as it is able, hereby establishes a Department of Youth Services.

Section 2. Local Law No. 1-1959, constituting the Erie County Charter, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new article XI-F to read as follows:

Article XI-F. Department of Youth Services

Section 11-F-01. Department established: Commissioner

Section 11-F-02. Powers and Duties

Section 11-F-03. Advisory Board

Section 11-F-01. Department of Youth Services; Commissioner. There shall be a Department of Youth Services, the head of which shall be the Commissioner. The Commissioner of said Department shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive. Within said Department there shall be a Youth Division, a Detention Division and a Child Mental Health Service Division, each headed by a Deputy Director.

Section 11-F-02. Powers and Duties. The Commissioner of the department shall: (a) Act as the local administrative officer for planning, coordination, and management of services for youth in cooperation with the County Executive and the County Legislature;

(b) Serve as an advocate in order to make existing service systems more effective and accessible to youth;

(c) Assess the future needs of youth to insure the continuance of beneficial programs and to implement additional services according to need and demographics, including mentally and physically handicapped and disabled youth;

(d) Apply for such Federal and State funds and grants as may be beneficial to youth;

(e) Improve coordination among county agencies and between cities, towns, and villages within the county which are involved in the provision of services to youth, especially those youth who are at risk of involvement in the juvenile and criminal justice system -- in order to assure more effective planning, program development, and administration of services which are provided on behalf of these youngsters;

(f) Gather and disseminate information relating to the needs of youth and inform the public of the services and facilities available to youth;

(g) Initiate and monitor programs to preserve the safety of youth with respect to child mental health services, handicapped youth transportation and education services, and juvenile delinquency prevention;

(h) Perform such further duties as may be prescribed or directed by the County Executive or the County Legislature.

Section 11-F-03. Youth Services Board.

There shall be established a Youth Services Board to the Department of Youth Services.

Section 3, Local Law No. -1960, as amended, constituting the Erie County Administrative Code, is hereby amended by adding a new article 11-F to read as follows:

Article 11-F.

Section 11-F-01. Department established.

Section 11-F-02. Commissioner, Powers and Duties.

Section 11-F-03. Youth Services Board.

Section 11-F-01. Department established.

There shall be a Department of Youth Services as established by the Erie County Charter.

Section 11-F-02. Commissioner, Power and Duties.

There shall be a Commissioner of the Department of Youth Services to be appointed with powers and duties pursuant to provisions of the Erie County Charter.

Section 11-F-03. Youth Services Board. The

County Executive shall appoint twenty-one persons to serve without compensation on a Youth Services Board for the Department of Youth Services to advise on matters relating to youth in the County. Membership shall be proportionately representative of the geographical areas within the County. The term of office of members of the Board shall be two years. Officers

of the Board shall be selected by the membership thereof.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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