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Factsheet: Official Bill Summary

Youth PROMISE Act (H.R. 2721)

“Youth Prison Reduction Through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support and Education Act”

The Youth PROMISE ACT:

- Amends the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to establish a PROMISE Advisory Panel to assist the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in: (1) assessing and developing standards and **evidence-based** practices to prevent juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity; and (2) **collecting data** in designated geographic areas to assess the needs and existing resources for juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention.
- Authorizes the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to award grants to local governments and Indian tribes to: (1) plan and assess evidence-based and promising practices for juvenile delinquency and criminal gang activity prevention and intervention, especially for youth; and (2) implement **PROMISE plans, developed by local PROMISE Coordinating Councils (PCCs)**, for coordinating and supporting juvenile delinquency and gang prevention/intervention programs in local communities.
- Establishes a **National Research Center for Proven Juvenile Justice Practices** to provide PCCs and the public with current research and other information about evidence based practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang prevention and intervention.
- Directs the Administrator to award grants to: (1) allow institutions of higher education to serve as regional research partners with PCCs; and (2) hire and train law enforcement officers as youth-oriented police to work with PCCs, other community-based organizations, and high-risk youth. Establishes a **Center for Youth-Oriented Policing**.
- Mynisha's Law – Authorizes any local government or Indian Tribe with a PCC to submit an application to the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for designation as a **Comprehensive Gang Prevention and Relief Area**.
- Authorizes the Attorney General to award **grants to partnerships comprising state mental health authorities and local or private entities** to prevent or alleviate the effects of youth violence in urban communities with a high or increasing incidence of such violence.
- Prevention Resources for Eliminating Criminal Activity Using Tailored Interventions in Our Neighborhoods Act of 2009 – or the PRECAUTION Act – Establishes the **National Commission on Public Safety Through Crime and Delinquency Prevention** to: (1) carry out a comprehensive study of the effectiveness of certain crime and delinquency prevention and intervention strategies; and (2) make initial and final reports on such strategies to specified federal and state officials.
- Authorizes the Director of the National Institute of Justice to make three-year grants to public and private entities for the implementation and evaluation of **innovative crime or delinquency prevention or intervention strategies**.
- Amends the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to authorize grants for the creation and expansion of state, local, and **tribal juvenile witness and victim protection grants**.

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