

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4881, June 17, 1967]

AN ACT CREATING COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN EVERY CITY AND MUNICIPALITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. It is the declared policy of the state not only to assure that every family should be helped into bringing up their children to make them useful men and women but also to see that the proper direction, supervision, and guardianship in the training, education, and other interests of its minor citizens be undertaken by it.

SEC. 2. To implement this sacred duty of the State, there is hereby created in every city and municipality including municipal district, a "Council for the Protection of Children," which is hereinafter referred to as the Council, to be composed of the City or Municipal Mayor, as Chairman, and two members of the City or Municipal Council to be elected among themselves, the City or Municipal Health Officer, the City or Municipal Supervising Teacher, the Chief of Police, a representative of the Social Welfare Administration, and a representative of the PTA Organizations in the City or Municipality to be elected for a term of one year by the presidents of the different PTA Organizations in said City or Municipality, as members. In the absence of the City or Municipal Mayor, the Vice-Mayor shall be the presiding officer of the Council.

SEC. 3. The Council shall hold meetings at the call of the City or Municipal Mayor but it may also be convoked upon written request of at least two members thereof. The Chairman and members of the Council shall not receive any *per diem* or allowance or emolument whatsoever.

SEC. 4. A majority of the members is sufficient for the Council to transact its business provided that in the absence of a *quorum*, the Council may adjourn from day to day.

SEC. 5. The Council shall supervise and act as guardian for the health, education and well-being of all the minors within the city or municipality, and for this purpose it shall, among others, have the functions provided for in Article 360 of the Civil Code.

SEC. 6. Within six months after the approval of this Act, all city and municipal mayors shall convoke the Council herein created and start implementing the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.