FRAMEWORK ACT ON JUVENILES

CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 (Purpose)

The purpose of this Act is to prescribe the rights and responsibilities of juveniles and the responsibilities of families, the society, the State and the local governments for juveniles and to lay down the fundamental matters concerning the policy of nurturing juveniles.

Article 2 (Fundamental Ideals)

(1) The fundamental ideals of this Act aim to ensure the fair treatment and rights and interests of juveniles as members of the society, to help them think for themselves, freely act and enjoy their better lives and to protect them from a harmful environment in order for them to grow up as sound and democratic citizens who are needed by the State and the society.

(2) The long-term and comprehensive policy of nurturing juveniles, which is aimed at realizing the fundamental ideals referred to in paragraph (1), shall be implemented in line with the implementation direction containing matters falling under each of the following subparagraphs:

1. The guarantee of juveniles’ participation;
2. The leading of vigorous lives based on the creativity and self-control of juveniles;
3. Improvements in the growing conditions and social environment of juveniles; and
4. Improvements in the quality of juveniles in order to prepare for a democratic, welfare and unified Korea.
Article 3 (Definitions)
The definitions of terms used in this Act shall be as follows:

1. The term “juvenile” means a young male and female older than 9 years old and younger than 24 years old: Provided, That in case other Acts require the different definition of juveniles, they may be defined separately;

2. The term “nurturing of juveniles” means supporting activities of juveniles, upgrading the welfare of juveniles, improving social conditions and environment in order for them to be beneficial to juveniles, and protecting juveniles, supplementing education for juveniles in order to ensure their balanced growth;

3. The term “juvenile activities” means activities necessary to ensure the balanced growth of juveniles and other various activities such as training activities, exchange activities and cultural activities, etc.:

4. The term “juvenile welfare” means creating fundamental conditions for juveniles to lead their normal lives and providing social and economic support for juveniles in order for them to grow up and develop harmoniously;

5. The term “juvenile protection” means regulating environment harmful to juveniles, which includes materials, goods and act, etc. harmful to the healthy growth of juveniles or restricting their contacts with and their access to juveniles;

6. The term “juvenile establishment” means any establishment used to facilitate activities, welfare and protection of juveniles;

7. The term “certified juvenile leaders” means certified juvenile guiders provided for in Article 21, certified juvenile counselors provided for in Article 22 and other persons who are involved in the nurturing of juveniles and guidance services for juveniles in juvenile establishments, juvenile organizations and other juvenile-related institutions, etc.; and

8. The term “juvenile organizations” means any juristic person established mainly for the purpose of the nurturing of juveniles or any organization designated by Presidential Decree.

Article 4 (Relation with Other Acts)
(1) This Act shall precede other Acts in the application to the nurturing of juveniles.
(2) When any Act concerning the nurturing of juveniles is enacted or amended, such enactment and amendment shall be made in conformity with this Act.

Article 5 (Rights and Responsibilities of Juveniles)
(1) The fundamental human rights of juveniles shall be respected in all spheres of juvenile activities, juvenile welfare, juvenile protection and the nurturing of juveniles.
Article 6 (Responsibilities of Families)

(1) All families shall recognize the primary responsibilities regarding nurturing juveniles, and work to help juveniles develop themselves based on their personalities and qualities and grow up as the next generation who will be able to fulfill their responsibilities as members of the society and the State with warm love and care.

(2) All families shall work positively to raise juveniles right by such activities as participating with them in education programs provided by schools and juvenile-related institutions, etc.

(3) All families shall work to take necessary steps to protect juveniles from harmful environment to juveniles such as contact with harmful media products using information and communication network, etc.

(4) Where a juvenile runs away from home or commits delinquencies due to indifference, negligence, suppression or violence of his family, a person with parental authority or a person who protects the juvenile on behalf of the person with parental authority shall bear the responsibility of protecting the juvenile.

[This Article Wholly Amended by Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2003]

Article 7 (Responsibilities of Society)

(1) All people shall help juveniles lead and enjoy their pleasant and active daily lives together with them.

(2) All people shall recognize the characteristics of juveniles’ thinking and behavior patterns and understand and guide them with love and dialogue. They shall also not spare effort to properly guide juveniles and sternly discipline juveniles’ delinquents.

(3) All people shall be prohibited from performing any act that harms the mental and physical health of juveniles in any place that is used by juveniles or is made easily accessible to juveniles. All people shall also work to get rid of any environment harmful to juveniles and to create an environmental beneficial to juveniles.

(4) All people shall work to pay special attention to economically, socially, culturally and mentally distressed juveniles and help them lead better lives.

Article 8 (Responsibilities of State and Local Governments)
(1) The State and local governments shall develop and implement legal and institutional mechanisms necessary to support juvenile activities, facilitate juvenile welfare and protect juveniles.

(2) The State and local governments shall create circumstances necessary for people to fulfill their responsibilities provided for in Articles 6 and 7.

(3) The State and local governments shall develop and implement policy steps necessary to stably secure financial resources needed to perform the work referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2).

CHAPTER II GENERAL CONTROL AND COORDINATION OF POLICY OF NURTURING JUVENILES

Article 9 (Overall Control and Coordination of Policy of Nurturing Juveniles)

The Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs shall generally control and coordinate the policy of nurturing juveniles after consulting thereabout with the heads of administrative agencies concerned. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>

Article 10 (Council of Agencies concerned on Juvenile Policy)

(1) The Council of Agencies concerned on the Juvenile Policy (hereinafter referred to as the “Council”) that is composed of public officials, etc. of agencies concerned shall be established under the Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs with the aim of facilitating the linkage, coordination and mutual cooperation among agencies concerned for the juvenile policy. <Amended by Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>

(2) The Council shall consult about matters falling under each of the following subparagraphs:

1. Matters concerning the coordination of the juvenile policy in which not less than two administrative agencies are involved; and

2. Matters concerning the juvenile policy whose implementation requires the cooperation of several ministries.

(3) Necessary matters concerning the composition, organization and operation, etc. of the Council shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree. [This Article Wholly Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005]

Article 11 (Establishment of Local Juvenile Nurture Committee)

(1) The Local Juvenile Nurture Committee mandated to deliberate on the major
policy of nurturing juveniles of the relevant local government shall be set up under the jurisdiction of the Special Metropolitan City Mayor, the Metropolitan City Mayor, the Do governor (hereinafter referred to as the "Mayor/Do governor") and the head of Si/Gun/Gu (limited to the head of autonomous Gu; hereinafter the same shall apply).

(2) The provisions of Article 10 (3) shall apply mutatis mutandis to the Local Juvenile Nurture Committee.

(3) Necessary matters concerning the composition, organization and operation of the Local Juvenile Nurture Committee shall be prescribed by the Municipal Ordinance of each of the local governments.

Article 12 (Holding of Juvenile Ad Hoc Meeting)

(1) The State shall hold the juvenile ad hoc meeting (hereinafter referred to as the "ad hoc meeting") every year with experts in the field of juveniles and juveniles attending to discuss ways to develop, implement and check the pan-governmental policy of nurturing juveniles.

(2) Persons eligible to attend the ad hoc meeting, methods of operating the ad hoc meeting and other detailed matters concerning the ad hoc meeting shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree.

Article 13 (Formulation of Basic Policy of Nurturing Juveniles)

(1) The State shall formulate the basic policy of nurturing juveniles (hereinafter referred to as the "basic policy") every five years.

(2) The basic policy shall contain matters falling under each of the following subparagraphs:

1. The analysis and evaluation of the previous basic policy;
2. The basic direction of nurturing juveniles;
3. The goal of nurturing juveniles;
4. The coordination of the function of nurturing juveniles;
5. The major policy of nurturing juveniles by field;
6. Methods of securing financial resources needed to nurture juveniles; and
7. Other matters that are recognized as being specially needed to nurture juveniles.

Article 14 (Development of Annual Implementation Plan)

The State and local governments shall each develop and implement the annual implementation plan based on the basic policy.

Article 15 (Cooperation with Developing Plan)

(1) The State and local governments may, when it is deemed necessary to develop and implement the basic policy and the annual implementation plan provided for
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in Articles 13 and 14, ask the heads of public institutions, civic organizations and private corporations to cooperate with them.
(2) Persons who are asked to cooperate in accordance with paragraph (1) shall go along with such request unless special grounds exist that make it impossible for them to do so.

Article 16 (Juvenile Month)
The May of every year shall be designated as the juvenile month in order to inspire the spontaneous and independent master consciousness of juveniles and to create an atmosphere aimed for the people’s active participation.

CHAPTER III Deleted.
Articles 16–2 through 16–8 Deleted. <by Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>

CHAPTER IV JUVENILE ESTABLISHMENTS

Article 17 (Categories of Juvenile Establishments)
Matters concerning establishments used for juvenile activities (hereinafter referred to as “juvenile activity establishments”), establishments used for juvenile welfare (hereinafter referred to as “juvenile welfare establishments”) and establishments used for the juvenile protection (hereinafter referred to as “juvenile protection establishments”) shall be prescribed separately by the Act.

Article 18 (Building and Operation of Juvenile Establishments)
(1) The State and local governments shall build and operate juvenile establishments.
(2) Anyone other than the State and local governments may build and operate juvenile establishments under the conditions as separately prescribed by the Act.
(3) The State and local governments may commission juvenile organizations to operate juvenile establishments that are built in accordance with paragraph (1).

Article 19 (Guidance and Supervision of Juvenile Establishments)
The State and local governments may perform necessary guidance and supervision of juvenile establishments in order to ensure the people’s trust in the appropriateness, public nature and safety of such juvenile establishments and to support their building and operation.

CHAPTER V CERTIFIED JUVENILE LEADERS
Article 20 (Training of Certified Juvenile Leaders)
(1) The State and local governments shall take policy steps necessary to train certified juvenile leaders and upgrade their qualities.
(2) The basic direction of training certified juvenile leaders and improving their qualities and details of such basic direction referred to in paragraph (1) shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree.

Article 21 (Certified Juvenile Guiders)
(1) The Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs shall grant persons the qualifications of certified juvenile guiders who have passed the qualifying examination for certified juvenile guiders and completed the training courses conducted by any certified juvenile guider training institution. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>
(2) If it is deemed necessary to train persons who have passed the qualifying examination for certified juvenile guiders, the Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs may designate any certified juvenile guider training institution under the conditions as prescribed by Presidential Decree. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>
(3) Anyone who falls under any of the following subparagraphs shall be prohibited from becoming a certified juvenile guider: <Amended by Act No. 7428, Mar. 31, 2005>
1. One who is a minor, an incompetent or a quasi-incompetent;
2. One who is not yet reinstated after having been declared bankrupt;
3. One who was sentenced to imprisonment without prison labor or heavier and for whom two years have yet to pass after the execution of such sentence was terminated or the non-execution of such sentence became definite;
4. One who has been sentenced to imprisonment without prison labor or heavier and for whom the period of the stay of the execution of such sentence is not expired; and
5. One whose qualifications are lost or suspended by the judgment handed down by any court or by Acts.
(4) Necessary matters concerning ranks of certified juvenile guiders, the qualifying examination for them, training and procedures for delivering certificates of qualifications, etc. referred to in paragraph (1) shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree.

Article 22 (Certified Juvenile Counselors)
(1) The Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs shall grant the qualifications of certified juvenile counselors to the persons who have passed the qualifying examination for certified juvenile counselors and completed the training courses conducted

(2) The provisions of Article 21 (2) through (4) shall apply mutatis mutandis to certified juvenile counselors referred to in paragraph (1).

Article 23 (Posting of Certified Juvenile Guiders and Certified Juvenile Counselors, etc.)

(1) Juvenile establishments and juvenile organizations shall post certified juvenile guiders and certified juvenile counselors in charge of nurturing juveniles under the conditions as prescribed by Presidential Decree.

(2) The State and local governments may subsidize expenses, in whole or in part, necessary for activities that are carried out by certified juvenile guiders and certified juvenile counselors who are posted to juvenile organizations or juvenile establishments in accordance with paragraph (1) within limits of budget.

Article 24 (Employment of Certified Juvenile Guiders and Certified Juvenile Counselors)

(1) Schools provided for in Article 9 of the Framework Act on Education may, if it is deemed necessary for them to perform the work involving the nurturing of juveniles, employ certified juvenile guiders and certified juvenile counselors. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005>

(2) The State and local governments may subsidize remunerations and necessary expenses, in whole or in part, which are incurred by the employment of certified juvenile guiders and certified juvenile counselors referred to in paragraph (1).

Article 25 (Public Officials Exclusively in Charge of Nurturing Juveniles)

(1) Public officials exclusively in charge of nurturing juveniles may be posted to the Special Metropolitan City, the Metropolitan City, the Do (hereinafter referred to as the "City/Do"), the Si/Gun/Gu (referring to the autonomous Gu; hereinafter the same shall apply) and the Eup/Myeon/Dong or organizations that are exclusively in charge of nurturing juveniles provided for in Article 26.

(2) The public officials exclusively in charge of nurturing juveniles referred to in paragraph (1) shall have the qualifications of certified juvenile guiders or certified juvenile counselors.

(3) The public officials exclusively in charge of nurturing juveniles shall grasp the actual state of juveniles and certified juvenile leaders, etc. in their jurisdictional areas and render necessary guidance services.

(4) Administrative agencies concerned, juvenile organizations and persons who have built and operated juvenile establishments shall cooperate with public officials exclusively in charge of nurturing juveniles in performing their official business.

(5) Necessary matters concerning the appointments of public officials exclusively
in charge of nurturing juveniles, etc. referred to in paragraph (1) shall be prescribed by the Municipal Ordinance.

Article 26 (Establishment of Organizations Exclusively in Charge of Nurturing Juveniles)
(1) Organizations exclusively in charge of nurturing juveniles may be established in the City/Do and the Si/Gun/Gu in order to efficiently perform the work of nurturing juveniles.
(2) The scope of administrative affairs and the formation of the organizations exclusively in charge of nurturing juveniles and other necessary matters shall be prescribed by the Municipal Ordinance.

Article 27 (Juvenile Guidance Members)
(1) The head of Si/Gun/Gu may commission juvenile guidance members to take charge of nurturing juveniles.
(2) Necessary matters concerning the qualifications of juvenile guidance members referred to in paragraph (1) and procedures for commissioning them, etc. shall be prescribed by the Municipal Ordinance.

CHAPTER VI JUVENILE ORGANIZATIONS

Article 28 (Roles of Juvenile Organizations)
(1) Juvenile organizations shall spare no effort to play the roles falling under each of the following subparagraphs:
1. The cultivation of skills and characters of juveniles through juvenile activities, which can be supplemented with school education;
2. The improvement of juveniles' lives through the betterment of juvenile welfare; and
3. The performance of the juvenile-protection work aimed at protecting juveniles from harmful environment.
(2) Juvenile organizations shall vigorously reflect juveniles' opinions in carrying out the roles referred to in paragraph (1).

Article 29 (Support for Juvenile Organizations, etc.)
(1) The State and local governments may provide juvenile organizations with administrative support necessary to form them and carry out their activities and subsidize part of costs necessary to operate them and carry out their activities within limits of budget.
(2) Individuals, corporations or organizations may contribute money and properties to juvenile organizations in order to support the operation of their establishments.
(3) Matters concerning the scope of the support and the subsidies referred to in paragraph (1) shall be prescribed by the Presidential Decree.

Article 30 (Profit-Making Business)

(1) Every juvenile organization may run the profit-making business related to nurturing juveniles under the conditions as prescribed by the articles of association.

(2) Matters concerning the scope of the profit-making business and the use of profits referred to in paragraph (1) shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree.

Article 31 (Establishment of Korea Youth Service Center)

(1) The Korea Youth Service Center (hereinafter referred to as the “Service Center”) shall be established in order to perform the work falling under each of the following subparagraphs: <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>

1. The work of rendering comprehensive guide and services aimed at facilitating juvenile activities, promoting juvenile welfare and protecting juveniles;
2. The work of comprehensively managing and furnishing information, etc. needed to nurture juveniles;
3. The work of performing the function that is commissioned to the Service Center under other Acts; and
4. Other work that is recognized as being necessary by the Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs.

(2) The Service Center shall be a corporation.

(3) The Service Center shall be established by having it registered in the location of its principal office.

Article 32 (Request for Material, etc.)

(1) The Service Center shall hold the authority and the responsibility falling under each of the following subparagraphs in connection with the performance of the work provided for in Article 31 (1) 2:

1. The authority of asking public institutions, etc. to furnish necessary material and publications;
2. The responsibility for paying prices of material and publications under subparagraph 1, which are requested by persons who furnish such material and publications; and
3. The responsibility for prohibiting material and publications furnished under subparagraph 1 from being used for other purposes.

(2) Any officer and employee who have been or are in charge of performing the work provided for in Article 31 (1) 2 shall be prohibited from leaking secrets that they have learned or learn while performing the work.
Article 33 (Legal Fiction of Public Officials in Application of Penal Provisions)
Anyone who performs the work provided for in Article 31 (1) 2 shall be deemed as a public official in the application of Articles 129 through 132 of the Criminal Act. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005>

Article 34 (Articles of Association)
(1) The articles of association of the Service Center shall contain matters falling under each of the following subparagraphs:
1. Objectives;
2. Name;
3. The location of the principal office;
4. Matters concerning the work;
5. Matters concerning officers and employees;
6. Matters concerning the board of directors;
7. Matters concerning properties and the accounting; and
8. Matters concerning any change in the articles of association.
(2) When the Service Center intends to change the articles of association, it shall obtain the authorization thereof from the Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>

Article 35 (Officers)
(1) The Service Center shall have not more than 15 directors including one chief director and one president, and one auditor.
(2) The officers shall be selected and appointed under the conditions as prescribed by the articles of association.
(3) The chief director, directors (excluding the president) and the auditor shall be non-standing.
(4) The terms of offices for the chief director, the president, the directors and the auditor shall be each three years.
(5) Matters concerning the qualifications of officers shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree.
(6) Anyone who falls under any of the following subparagraphs shall be prohibited from becoming the officer of the Service Center: <Amended by Act No. 7428, Mar. 31, 2005>
1. One who is a minor, an incompetent or a quasi-incompetent;
2. One who is not yet reinstated after having been declared bankrupt;
3. One who was sentenced to imprisonment without prison labor or heavier and for whom three years have yet to pass from the date on which the execution
of such sentence was terminated or the non-execution of such sentence became definite;
4. One who has been sentenced to imprisonment without prison labor or heavier and for whom the period of the stay of the execution of such sentence is not expired; and
5. One whose qualifications are lost or suspended by the judgment of any court or Acts.

Article 36 (President, etc.)
(2) The president shall represent the Service Center and exercise overall control of the administrative affairs of the Service Center.
(3) When the president is unable to perform his duties, his duties shall be performed by anyone who succeeds him in the order that is prescribed by the articles of association.
(4) The auditor shall inspect and audit the work and accounting of the Service Center.

Article 37 (Submission of Work Plan, etc.)
(1) The Service Center shall develop a work plan and compile a draft budget and then submit them to the Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs on or before the date on which every business year begins and obtain approval therefor from the Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>
(2) The Service Center shall compile the closing statement of revenues and expenditures every business year and submit it to the Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs after having it audited by certified public accountants by March 20 of the next business year. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>
(3) The Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs may get the Service Center to report matters concerning the current state of its work, accounting and properties, get his public officials to check books, documents and other articles or issue necessary orders that are needed to supervise the Service Center. In the case, the public officials assigned to perform the check shall carry their certificates showing their authority and produce them to persons concerned. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>

Article 38 (Subsidies, etc.)
(1) The Government may subsidize costs necessary to perform the work of the
Service Center within limits of budget.

(2) Individuals, corporations or organizations may contribute money and other properties to the Service Center in order to support its operation and work, etc.

Article 39 (Mutatis Mutandis Application of Civil Act)
The provisions governing incorporated associations of the Civil Act shall apply mutatis mutandis to the Service Center, except as otherwise provided for in this Act. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005>

Article 40 (National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea)
(1) Juvenile organizations may establish the National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea (hereinafter referred to as the “Council”) after obtaining the authorization thereof from the Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs in order to carry out the activities falling under each of the following subparagraphs with the aim of nurturing juveniles: <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>
1. Cooperation with and support for the work performed and activities carried out by member organizations;
2. Training for and the advancement of rights and interests of juvenile leaders;
3. Participation in activities carried out by international organizations of the field related to juveniles;
4. Exchanges with and support for foreign juvenile organizations;
5. Exchanges of and support for South–North Korean juveniles and overseas Korean juveniles;
6. The survey and the study of, and support for juvenile activities;
7. Support for publishing juvenile–related books and information;
8. Public relations and campaigns aimed at nurturing juveniles;
9. Cooperation with and support for local juvenile organization councils; and
10. Other work necessary to nurture juveniles.
(2) The Council shall be a corporation.
(3) The Council shall be established by having its establishment registered in the location of its principal office.
(4) The provisions governing incorporated associations of the Civil Act shall apply mutatis mutandis to the Council, except as otherwise provided for in this Act. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005>
(5) The State may financially support costs necessary to operate the Council and to carry out activities by the Council.
(6) The Council may run any profit–making business within the scope of not under
mining the purposes of establishing it and profits accruing from such profit-making business shall be prohibited from using them for any other purpose than the Council and establishments that are operated by the Council.

(7) Corporations, individuals or organizations may invest or contribute money and properties in or to the Council in order to financially support the operation of the Council and the work, etc. performed by the Council.

(8) The Council may commission part of the activities referred to in paragraph (1) to its member organizations under the conditions as prescribed by the articles of association.

Article 41 (Local Juvenile Organization Councils)

(1) Juvenile organizations that carry out activities in specific areas may establish a local juvenile organization council after obtaining the authorization thereof from the Mayor/Do governor under the conditions as prescribed by the Municipal Ordinance of the City/Do having jurisdiction over such areas.

(2) Local governments may financially support costs, in whole or in part, necessary to operate local juvenile organization councils within limits of budget.

Article 42 (Establishment of Korea Youth Counseling Institute)

(1) The Korea Youth Counseling Institute (hereinafter referred to as the “Counseling Institute”) shall be established in order to perform the work falling under each of the following subparagraphs, which aims to help juveniles form right characters and harmoniously grow up: <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>

1. The study and development of the policy related to juvenile counseling;
2. The study of counseling techniques for juveniles and the production and distribution of counseling materials;
3. The operation of exemplary juvenile counseling services;
4. The education and training of counseling manpower;
5. The cooperation and mutual support among juvenile counseling institutions themselves;
6. The guidance and support for matters related to juvenile counseling and emergency management of the City/Do and the Si/Gun/Gu institutions under Articles 46 and 46-2;
7. The establishment of the sound sense of values for juveniles and education for their parents;
8. The guidance and support for juveniles who drop out of school; and
9. Other work that is designated by the Minister for Health, Welfare and Family
Affairs or is necessary for the Counseling Institute to attain its objectives. 

(2) The Counseling Institute may establish a specialized educational institution in accordance with relevant Acts in order to perform scientifically, actually and systematically the education and study provided for in paragraph (1) 1 through 4.

(3) The Counseling Institute may, if it is deemed necessary, open branch counseling institutes under the conditions as prescribed by the articles of association.

Article 43 (Officers)

(1) The Counseling Institute shall have not more than 15 directors, including one chief director and one president, and one auditor.

(2) The chief director shall be selected and appointed by a resolution of the board of directors from among the directors, and his selection and appointment shall obtain approval therefor from the Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>

(3) The chief director, directors (excluding the president; hereafter the same shall apply in this Article) and the auditor shall be non-standing.

(4) Directors shall be appointed or dismissed by the Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs on the recommendation of the board of directors and their terms of office shall be 3 years. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>

(5) The auditor shall be appointed or dismissed by the Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs and his term of office shall be 3 years. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>

Article 44 (President)

(1) The president shall be appointed or dismissed by the Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs on the recommendation of the board of directors and his term of office shall be 3 years. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>

(2) The president shall represent the Counseling Institute and exercise overall control of administrative affairs of the Counseling Institute.

Article 45 (Provisions Applicable Mutatis Mutandis)

The provisions of Articles 31 (2) and (3), 34, 37 through 39 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the Counseling Institute.

Article 46 (Establishment of Institutions for Juvenile Counseling and Emergency Rescue, etc. in City/Do)

(1) The Mayor/Do governor may open and operate an institution which carries out such functions as counselling, emergency rescue, rehabilitation, treatment
for juveniles.

(2) Detailed functions performed by the institution opened under paragraph (1) shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree.

(3) The Mayor/Do governor may delegate the operation of the institution opened under paragraph (1) to a juvenile organization, etc.

(4) The Mayor/Do governor may establish the institution opened under paragraph (1) as a corporation.

(5) The State may subsidize part of costs necessary to establish and operate the institution opened and operated by the Mayor/Do governor under paragraph (1) within limits of budget.

[This Article Wholly Amended by Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005]

Article 46-2 (Establishment of Institutions for Juvenile Support, etc. in Si/Gun/Gu)

(1) The head of the Si/Gun/Gu may open and operate institutions which perform the functions under Article 46 (1) and support functions such as juvenile activity, volunteer service, participation, human rights, etc.

(2) The provisions of Articles 46 (2) through (5) shall apply mutatis mutandis to the juvenile support institutions of the Si/Gun/Gu.

[This Article Newly Inserted by Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005]

CHAPTER VII JUVENILE ACTIVITIES AND WELFARE

Article 47 (Support for Juvenile Activities)

(1) The State and local governments shall support activities carried out by juveniles.

(2) Matters concerning the support for activities carried out by juveniles referred to in paragraph (1) shall be prescribed separately by another Act.

Article 48 (Linkage with School Education, etc.)

(1) The State and local governments shall develop and implement policy steps to link juvenile activities with school education and lifelong education in order to raise educational effects.

(2) When the Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs develops the policy steps referred to in paragraph (1), it shall consult thereabout with institutions concerned and hear experts’ opinions thereabout. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>

(3) The institutions concerned that are asked for consultations under paragraph (2) shall comply with such request unless special grounds that make it impossible for them to do so exist.
Article 49 (Improvement of Juvenile Welfare)

(1) The State shall periodically survey matters concerning the consciousness, attitudes and lives, etc. of juveniles, and formulate and implement the policy of improving the welfare of juveniles in order to improve their consciousness, attitudes and lives.

(2) When the State and local governments implement the policy steps focused on the guarantee of basic lives, the training for vocational rehabilitation and the support for juvenile activities, etc., they shall take juveniles who are in need of special mental, physical, economic and social support into preferential consideration.

(3) The State and local governments shall develop concrete policy steps to improve the quality of juveniles' lives.

(4) The matters referred to in paragraphs (1) through (3) shall be prescribed separately by another Act.

Article 50 (Prevention of Juveniles from Running Away from Homes and Committing Delinquencies)

(1) The State and local governments shall prevent juveniles from running away from their homes and from committing delinquencies and provide them with welfare support necessary to help them make the sound rehabilitation.

(2) All families shall work to prevent juveniles from running away from their homes and from committing delinquencies prior to the State and local governments, and shall positively cooperate with the effort of the State and local governments, etc. for the smooth return to society of runaway or delinquent juveniles. <Newly Inserted by Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005>

Article 51 (Creation of Environment Beneficial to Juveniles)

(1) The State and local governments shall work to create an environment in which juveniles are able to improve their informatization abilities.

(2) The State and local governments shall encourage the production and dissemination of mediums beneficial to juveniles and may provide anyone who produces and disseminates such mediums with financial support for covering costs, etc.

(3) The State and local governments shall work to build juvenile establishments in housing complexes in order to create a social and natural environment for juveniles.

Article 52 (Regulation of Environment Harmful to Juveniles)

(1) The State and local governments shall prevent mediums and drugs, etc. harmful to juveniles from being distributed.

(2) The State and local governments shall prevent juveniles from frequenting business places harmful to them or from being employed by such business places.

(3) The State and local governments shall protect and relieve juveniles from harmful
acts such as violence, abuses and sexual traffic, etc.
(4) Matters concerning the regulation of mediums, drugs, business places and acts, etc. harmful to juveniles referred to in paragraphs (1) through (3) shall be prescribed separately by another Act.

CHAPTER VIII JUVENILE NURTURE FUND

Article 53 (Juvenile Nurture Fund, etc.)
(1) The Juvenile Nurture Fund (hereinafter referred to as the “Fund”) shall be set up in order to secure financial resources necessary to nurture juveniles.
(3) The Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs may commission the whole or part of the administrative affairs involving the management and operation of the Fund to either the Service Center provided for in Article 31, the Council provided for in Article 40, the National Youth Policy Institute that is established in accordance with the Act on the Establishment, Operation, Fosterage of Government-Invested Research Institutions (hereinafter referred to as the “Youth Policy Institute”), or the Seoul Olympic Commemoration National Sports Promotion Corporation that is established in accordance with Article 36 of the National Sports Promotion Act. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8344, Apr. 11, 2007; Act No. 8432, May 11, 2007; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>
(4) Necessary matters concerning the management and operation of the Fund shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree.

Article 54 (Raising of Fund)
(1) The Fund shall be raised from financial resources falling under each of the following subparagraphs: <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act Nos. 8342 & 8344, Apr. 11, 2007>
1. Contributions from the Government;
2. Contributions provided for in Article 22 (3) 1 of the National Sports Promotion Act and those provided for in Article 18 (1) 1 of the Bicycle and Motorboat Racing Act;
3. The money, goods and properties that are contributed by individuals, corporations and organizations;
4. The profits accruing from the operation of the Fund; and
5. Other revenues prescribed by Presidential Decree.
(2) Anyone who makes any contribution referred to in paragraph (1) 3 may designate the use of his contribution: Provided, That he shall not be allowed to designate the use of his contribution for any specific organization or any specific individual.

Article 55 (Use of Fund, etc.)

(1) The Fund shall be used for the work falling under each of the following subparagraphs:
1. Support for juvenile activities;
2. Support for building and operating juvenile establishments;
3. Support for training juvenile leaders;
4. Support for operation and activities of juvenile organizations;
5. Support for improving the welfare of juveniles;
6. Support for protecting juveniles;
7. Support for the scientific study of the implementation process of the policy of nurturing juveniles;
8. Support for the work of raising the Fund; and
9. Other work that is prescribed by the Presidential Decree as necessary for nurturing juveniles.

(2) The State and local governments may permit the institution in charge of managing the Fund provided for in Article 53 (2) and (3) (hereinafter referred to as the “institution in charge of managing the Fund”) to use, profit from or rent national and public establishments, goods and properties without compensation therefor within the scope of not impeding the purposes of their use in order to support raising the Fund.

(3) The institution in charge of managing the Fund may contribute or invest part of the Fund or its establishments, goods and part of its properties to or in the basic properties of juvenile organizations in order to nurture juveniles and raise the Fund.

(4) The institution in charge of managing the Fund shall coordinate the spending of the Fund and develop and implement a long-term plan for securing financial resources needed to nurture juveniles taking into account prospects for raising the Fund.

Article 56 (Raising of Local Fund for Nurturing Juveniles)

(1) The Mayor/Do governor may establish a local juvenile nurture fund in order to secure financial resources needed to support the work of nurturing juveniles and juvenile activities, etc., in his jurisdictional area.

(2) The raising and the purposes of use of the local juvenile nurture fund referred
to in paragraph (1) and other necessary matters shall be prescribed by the Municipal Ordinance.

CHAPTER IX SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

Article 57 (Rental of National and Public Properties, etc.)

(1) The State and local governments may, if it is deemed necessary to build juvenile establishments and revitalize juvenile organizations, permit juvenile establishments and organizations to rent, use or profit from national and public properties without compensation therefor within the scope of not impeding the purposes of their use to juvenile establishments and organizations, notwithstanding the State Properties Act and the Local Finance Act. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005>

(2) Details and conditions of the rental, use and profits of national and public properties referred to in paragraph (1) shall be determined by a contract that is concluded between anyone who intends to rent, use and profit from the relevant properties and the head of any agency in charge of managing the properties or the head of the local government concerned.

Article 58 (Tax Reduction and Exemption, etc.)

(1) The State may reduce or exempt taxes for the juvenile establishments that are operated by juvenile organizations or other juvenile organizations such as the Service Center, the Council, local juvenile organization councils, the Counseling Institute, institutions under Articles 46 and 46-2 and the Institute of Youth Development, etc. under the conditions as prescribed by the Restriction of Special Taxation Act, and also reduce and exempt the value-added tax for them under the conditions as prescribed by the Value-Added Tax Act. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005>

(2) The State may apply the special case for the income calculation to properties that are contributed or donated to juvenile organizations such as the Service Center, the Council, local juvenile organization councils, the Counseling Institute, institutions under Articles 46 and 46-2 and the Institute of Youth Development, etc. and juvenile establishments that are operated by juvenile organizations, and to the money and other properties that are contributed to the Fund provided for in Article 54 under the conditions as prescribed by the Restriction of Special Taxation Act. <Amended by Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005>

(3) The State may reduce or exempt duties for experiment, practice and audio-visual materials, other necessary goods and juvenile facilities and equipment, etc. whose
imports are inevitable for their sophistication, which are all imported by juvenile organizations such as the Service Center, the Council, local juvenile organization councils, the Counseling Institute, institutions under Articles 46 and 46-2 and the Institute of Youth Development, etc. and juvenile establishments operated by juvenile organizations under the conditions as prescribed by the Customs Act.

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Article 59 (Supervision, etc.)

(1) If it is deemed necessary to nurture juveniles, the State and local governments may get juvenile establishments and juvenile organizations such as the Council, local juvenile organization councils, institutions under Articles 46 and 46-2, etc. to report matters concerning their work,
accounting and properties or get their public officials to check their books, documents and other goods. <Amended by Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005>

(2) The public officials assigned to perform the check under paragraph (1) shall carry certificates showing their authority and produce them to the persons concerned.

Article 60 (Awards)
The Government gives anyone an award, who is greatly credited with nurturing juveniles or is a model of juveniles.

Article 61 (Prohibition on Use of Similar Titles)
Anyone who is not the Service Center, the Counseling Institute or the Council shall be prohibited from using the titles of the Korea Juvenile Service Center, the Korea Youth Counseling Institute, the National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea or similar titles thereof.

Article 62 (Fees, etc.)
(1) Anyone falling under any of the following subparagraphs shall pay fees under the conditions as prescribed by the rules of the Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs: <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>
1. One who has underwent training courses or has taken the qualifying examination for certified juvenile guiders; and
2. One who has underwent training courses or has taken the qualifying examination for the certified juvenile counselors.

(2) Anyone who has built and operated any juvenile establishment and any organization that has operated any juvenile establishment on commission may collect use charges from persons who use their establishments.

Article 63 (Delegation and Commission of Authority)
The Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs may delegate part of his authority under this Act to the Mayor/Do governor or commission part of his authority under this Act to juvenile organizations under the conditions as prescribed by Presidential Decree. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>

CHAPTER X PENAL PROVISIONS

Article 64 (Penal Provisions)
Anyone who falls under any of the following subparagraphs shall be punished by imprisonment with prison labor for not more than 2 years or by a fine not exceeding 20 million won:
1. One who has run any profit-making business other than the work that is prescribed by the articles of association under Article 30; and
2. One who has leaked secrets that he has learned while performing his duties in violation of Article 32 (2).

Article 65 (Joint Penal Provisions)
If the representative of a corporation or the agent, the employer or the employee of a corporation or an individual commits the act of violating Article 64 in connection with the business of the corporation or the individual, such corporation or such individual shall be fined in addition to the punishment of the actor.

Article 66 (Fine for Negligence)
(1) Anyone who falls under any of the following subparagraphs shall be punished by a fine for negligence not exceeding 5 million won:
1. One who has failed to make a report provided for in Article 37 (3) or 59 (1) or has rejected, impeded or evaded any check and order; and
2. One who has violated the provisions of Article 61.
(2) The fine for negligence referred to in paragraph (1) shall be imposed and collected by the Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs or the heads of local governments (including the case where the authority is delegated in accordance with Article 63; hereinafter the same shall apply) under the conditions as prescribed by Presidential Decree. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>
(3) Anyone who is dissatisfied with the disposition taken to impose a fine for negligence on him in accordance with paragraph (2) may raise an objection in accordance with paragraph (3) may raise an objection to the Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs or the head of the relevant local government within 30 days from the date on which he is notified of the disposition taken to impose the fine for negligence on him. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>
(4) When anyone who is subject to the disposition taken to impose a fine for negligence on him as referred to in paragraph (2) raises an objection in accordance with paragraph (3), the Minister for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs or the head of the relevant local government shall notify without delay the competent court of the fact, and upon receiving the notification, the competent court shall put the case on trial in accordance with the Non-Contentious Case Litigation Procedure Act. <Amended by Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005; Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>
(5) When anyone does not raise an objection within the period referred to in paragraph (3) and fails to pay the fine for negligence, the fine for negligence in question shall be collected according to the example of a disposition taken to collect the national tax in arrears or the local tax in arrears.

ADDENDA
Article 1 (Enforcement Date)
This Act shall enter into force one year after the date of its promulgation. Provided, that the act of preparation to enforce Article 2 of the Addenda may be performed even prior to the enforcement of this Act.

Article 2 (Establishment Preparations of Korea Youth Service Center)
(1) The Minister of Culture and Tourism shall set up the Establishment Preparation Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Preparation Committee") mandated to perform administrative affairs for establishing the Korea Youth Service Center under the amended provisions of Article 31 (hereinafter referred to as the "Service Center").
(2) The Preparation Committee shall consist of not more than 5 establishment preparation members (hereinafter referred to as the "preparation members") including one establishment preparation committee chairman (hereinafter referred to as the "preparation chairman").
(3) The preparation chairman and members shall be commissioned by the Minister of Culture and Tourism.
(4) The Preparation Committee shall make the articles of association and then obtain the authorization thereof from the Minister of Culture and Tourism prior to the enforcement of this Act.
(5) The preparation members shall, when the authorization referred to in paragraph (4) is obtained, turn over the administrative affairs to the President after jointly having without delay the establishment of the Service Center registered.
(6) The preparation chairman and members shall be deemed that they are relieved of being commissioned when the administrative affairs are turned over under paragraph (5).

Article 3 (Transitional Measures concerning Local Juvenile Committee)
The Local Juvenile Committee provided for in the previous provisions at the time of enforcement of this Act shall be deemed the Local Juvenile Nurture Committee provided for in the amended provisions of Article 11.

Article 4 (Transitional Measures concerning Basic Plan for Juveniles)
The basic plan for nurturing juveniles provided for in the previous provisions at the time of enforcement of this Act shall be deemed the basic policy provided for in the amended provisions of Article 13.

Article 5 (Transitional Measures concerning Juvenile Training Establishments)
The juvenile training establishments provided for in the previous provisions at the time of enforcement of this Act shall be deemed the juvenile activity establishments provided for in the amended provisions of Article 17.
Article 6 (Transitional Measures concerning Succession of Rights and Obligations of National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea That is Incorporated Association)

(1) The National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea that is an incorporated association at the time of enforcement of this Act shall make the articles of association of the National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea (hereinafter referred to as the “Council”) provided for in the amendment to Article 40 and then obtain the authorization of its establishment from the Minister of Culture and Tourism within 30 months from the date of enforcement of this Act.

(2) When the National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea that is an incorporated association at the time of enforcement of this Act obtains the authorization of its establishment referred to in paragraph (1), it shall register the establishment of the Council.

(3) The National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea that is an incorporated association at the time of enforcement of this Art shall be deemed dissolved when it registers the establishment of the Council, referred to in paragraph (2) notwithstanding the provisions governing dissolution and liquidation of the Civil Act.

(4) The Council shall succeed all of the rights, obligations and properties of the National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea that is an incorporated association on the date on which it registers its establishment.

(5) The officers and employees of the National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea that is an incorporated association at the time of enforcement of this Act shall be deemed the officers and employees of the Council and the terms of the officers shall be calculated beginning the date on which they were previously appointed.

ADDENDA <Act No. 7421, Mar. 24, 2005>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Act shall enter into force on the date on which the Presidential Decree governing the organization of the National Juvenile Commission enters into force within 3 months after the promulgation of this Act.

Article 2 (Transitional Measures concerning Jurisdictional Administrative Affairs and Public Officials, etc. following Disorganization and Creation of Organization)

(1) The National Juvenile Commission shall succeed the administrative affairs concerning juveniles from among the administrative affairs under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Culture and Tourism at the time of the enforcement of this Act.

(2) The public officials who belong to the Youth Bureau of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism at the time of the enforcement of this Act shall be deemed as the public officials who belong to the Juvenile Commission.
(3) The Ordinance of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism that governs the administrative affairs under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Culture and Tourism that is to be succeeded by the National Juvenile Commission pursuant to paragraph (1) at the time of the enforcement of this Act shall be deemed as the rules of the Juvenile Commission.

Article 3 Omitted.

ADDENDA  <Act No. 7428, Mar. 31, 2005>
Article 1 (Enforcement Date)
This Act shall enter into force one year after the date of its promulgation.
Articles 2 through 6 Omitted.

ADDENDA  <Act No. 7796, Dec. 29, 2005>
Article 1 (Enforcement Date)
This Act shall enter into force on July 1, 2006.
Articles 2 through 6 Omitted.

ADDENDA  <Act No. 7799, Dec. 29, 2005>
Article 1 (Enforcement Date)
This Act shall enter into force three months after the date of its promulgation.
Article 2 (Transitional Measures concerning Jurisdictional Administrative Affairs and Public Officials, etc. following Renaming of Organization)
The National Youth Commission shall succeed the administrative affairs performed by the Juvenile Commission before the enforcement of this Act and the administrative affairs under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Commission at the time of the enforcement of this Act, and the members of the Juvenile Commission and the public officials thereof shall be deemed to be the members of the National Youth Commission and the public officials thereof.
Article 3 Omitted.
Article 4 (Relations with Other Acts and Subordinate Statutes)
When other Acts and subordinate statutes cite the Juvenile Commission, the chairman of the Juvenile Commission or public officials belonging to the Juvenile Commission at the time of enforcement of this Act, the National Youth Commission, the chairperson of the National Youth Commission or public officials belonging to the National Youth Commission shall be deemed to be cited, respectively.

ADDENDA  <Act No. 8342, Apr. 11, 2007>
(1) (Enforcement Date) This Act shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.
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(2) through (5) Omitted.

ADDENDA  <Act No. 8344, Apr. 11, 2007>
Article 1 (Enforcement Date)
This Act shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation. (Proviso Omitted.)
Articles 2 through 9 Omitted.

ADDENDA  <Act No. 8432, May 11, 2007>
Article 1 (Enforcement Date)
This Act shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.
Articles 2 and 3 Omitted.

ADDENDA  <Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>
Article 1 (Enforcement Date)
This Act shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation. (Proviso Omitted.)
Articles 2 through 7 Omitted.