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Governor Nominates Executive Director for Juvenile Justice Commission; Driving Force Behind Commission's Creation to Take the Helm

Gov. Christie Whitman today announced the nomination of Dr. Bruce D. Stout of Delaware Twp., for the position of Executive Director of the Juvenile Justice Commission. Stout is currently the Deputy Chief of Policy and Planning in the Governor's Office.

"Bruce Stout has been a driving force behind state policy for our juvenile justice programs. A strong advocate for the creation of the Juvenile Justice Commission, I can think of no one better to take the helm of this important commission," said Gov., Whitman. "I am confident that Bruce will serve the citizens of New Jersey well in managing the programs and policies dealing with our juvenile offenders."

The commission is responsible for operating state services and sanctions for juveniles that are involved in the juvenile justice system at state, county and local levels. The commission is also responsible for the establishment and implementation of a State /Community Partnership Grant through which incentives are provided to county and local governments for the provision of services and sanctions for juveniles and programs for the prevention of juvenile delinquency.

Stout has been a member of the Governor's policy office since 1994, first serving as a senior policy advisor and then as the Deputy Chief of Policy and Planning. In this capacity, Stout provided policy recommendations to the Governor on a variety of issues including law and public safety, science and technology, and economic development. Major initiatives implemented have included the development of a five-year strategic plan for information technology and the transformation of the Department of Commerce into a Commerce and Economic Growth Commission. In addition, during Stout's tenure with the Governor's Office, juvenile justice has been reformed, decentralizing the system and helping fund local solutions to youth problems.

Prior to joining the Governor's Office, Stout served as an Assistant Professor and Program Chair at the Pennsylvania State University. He oversaw the development of a baccalaureate program in Administration of Justice and instructed courses in research methods, statistics, criminal law and juvenile justice.

Stout received his Bachelor of Arts from Rutgers College and went on to receive a master's degree from the Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice. A University Fellow while attending Rutgers, Stout received his Ph.D. from Rutgers in 1989.

In 1984, he served as the Criminal Justice Planner in Morris County. In this capacity, Stout developed and analyzed grant proposals, provided technical and advisory services to criminal justice agencies and administered the county contract program for court support services. Stout then served as Assistant Director of the Juvenile Delinquency Commission where he developed legislative initiatives to address problems in the juvenile justice system and supervised the commission's research staff and prepared research and analysis reports addressing policy in the area of juvenile justice.

Returning to academia, Stout served as a project director and Assistant Professor at the Rutgers School of Criminal Justice. While teaching at Rutgers, Stout directed a grant funded national research project examining the impact of a program of correctional intervention. In addition, he assisted in the work of other grant funded research projects at the school and at the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. This included an evaluation of halfway houses in New Jersey, correctional policy in Alabama and the construction of a classification instrument for Alabama Parole and Probation. Stout served as the primary consultant to a college student/juvenile at risk mentoring program.

Focusing on justice issues, Stout has been involved in numerous special projects serving in various capacities. He currently serves on the New Jersey Parole Advisory Board and is a peer reviewer for the National Institute of Justice. He has previously been a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission's Drugs/Violence Task Force and the Hopewell Township Juvenile Conference Committee. Stout served as the chair of Governor Whitman's transition team for the Department of Corrections.

Stout has written on juvenile justice and corrections issues for various publications and has served on various boards, commissions and task forces.

