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## Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 821 - Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 which extends existing juvenile delinquency programs for one transition year, creates two new National Institutes and an Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention within the Department of Justice, establishes an independent coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and a National Advisory Committee, authorizes new categorical grant programs to deal with juvenile delinquency and runaway youth, and amends certain U.S. Code criminal sections on juvenile delinquency.

S. 821 substantially revises and extends existing Federal laws and agency responsibilities related to juvenile delinquency. It places the principal responsibility for Federal juvenile delinquency in the Department of Justice, establishes new organizational entities there to conduct research on and carry out juvenile delinquency programs, and establishes new Federal juvenile delinquency and runaway youth grant programs.

The bill authorizes total appropriations of \$380 million for fiscal years 1975-1977 for the new grant programs authorized by the bill. Of this total, \$85 million is authorized for fiscal year 1975.

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