



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6976

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AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) There is established a
2 Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division within the Office of
3 Policy and Management. The division shall be under the direction of
4 an undersecretary who, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection
5 (b) of section 4-65a of the general statutes, shall be appointed by the
6 Governor with the advice and consent of the General Assembly.

7 (b) The division shall develop a plan to promote a more effective
8 and cohesive state criminal justice system and, to accomplish such
9 plan, shall:

10 (1) Conduct an in-depth analysis of the criminal justice system;

11 (2) Determine the long-range needs of the criminal justice system
12 and recommend policy priorities for the system;

13 (3) Identify critical problems in the criminal justice system and
14 recommend strategies to solve those problems;

15 (4) Assess the cost-effectiveness of the use of state and local funds in
16 the criminal justice system;

17 (5) Recommend means to improve the deterrent and rehabilitative

18 capabilities of the criminal justice system;

19 (6) Advise and assist the General Assembly in developing plans,
20 programs and proposed legislation for improving the effectiveness of
21 the criminal justice system;

22 (7) Make computations of daily costs and compare interagency costs
23 on services provided by agencies that are a part of the criminal justice
24 system;

25 (8) Make population computations for use in planning for the long-
26 range needs of the criminal justice system;

27 (9) Determine long-range information needs of the criminal justice
28 system and acquire that information;

29 (10) Cooperate with the Office of the Victim Advocate by providing
30 information and assistance to the office relating to the improvement of
31 crime victims' services;

32 (11) Serve as the liaison for the state to the United States
33 Department of Justice on criminal justice issues of interest to the state
34 and federal government relating to data, information systems and
35 research;

36 (12) Measure the success of community-based services and
37 programs in reducing recidivism;

38 (13) Compare the prison population projections contained in the
39 2000 Annual Report of the Prison and Jail Overcrowding Commission
40 to the actual prison population on the effective date of this section and
41 determine the amount of savings inuring to the benefit of the state on
42 account of the actual prison population being less than such projected
43 prison population, and make recommendations as to the manner in
44 which a portion of such cost savings may be reinvested in community-
45 based services and programs and community supervision by
46 probation and parole officers in order to maintain that reduction in
47 projected prison population; and

48 (14) Engage in other activities consistent with the responsibilities of
49 the division.

50 (c) In addition to the division's other duties under this section, the
51 division may perform any function described in subsection (b) of this
52 section to promote an effective and cohesive juvenile justice system.

53 (d) In the performance of its duties under this section, the division
54 shall collaborate with the Department of Correction, the Board of
55 Pardons and Paroles, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
56 Services and the Department of Public Safety and consult with the
57 Chief Court Administrator, the executive director of the Court Support
58 Services Division of the Judicial Branch, the Chief State's Attorney and
59 the Chief Public Defender.

60 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) In setting the priorities for the
61 research projects of the division, the undersecretary shall consult with
62 the Governor, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of
63 the House of Representatives and the chairpersons and ranking
64 members of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
65 having cognizance of matters relating to criminal justice and
66 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

67 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) Each month the division shall
68 determine the following information: (1) The number and percentage
69 of inmates released on parole or other community supervision; and (2)
70 the number of inmates released to and from a halfway house or other
71 community-based program or service.

72 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) Not later than January fifteenth
73 of each year, the division shall report to the Governor, the Prison and
74 Jail Overcrowding Commission and the joint standing committees of
75 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
76 criminal justice and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,
77 in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the number
78 and percentage of inmates released on parole or other community
79 supervision in the preceding calendar year and the projected prison

80 bed capacity and prison population for the next fiscal year.

81 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) Not later than February
 82 fifteenth of each year, the division shall submit a report, in accordance
 83 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, and make a presentation to
 84 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
 85 cognizance of matters relating to criminal justice and appropriations
 86 and the budgets of state agencies concerning its activities and
 87 recommendations under section 1 of this act and specifying the actions
 88 necessary to promote an effective and cohesive criminal justice system.

89 Sec. 6. Section 18-87j of the general statutes is repealed and the
 90 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

91 There is established a Commission on Prison and Jail Overcrowding
 92 which shall be within the Office of Policy and Management for
 93 administrative purposes only. The commission shall consist of the
 94 undersecretary of the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division of
 95 the Office of Policy and Management, the Chief Court Administrator,
 96 the Commissioner of Correction, the Commissioner of Public Safety,
 97 the Chief State's Attorney, the Chief Public Defender, the
 98 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the
 99 chairperson of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, or their designees,
 100 the executive director of the Court Support Services Division or other
 101 designee of the Chief Court Administrator and the following members,
 102 each of whom shall be appointed by the Governor: Three government
 103 officials, a police chief, two persons representing offender and victim
 104 services within the private community and two public members. [The
 105 Governor shall appoint a chairperson from among the members of the
 106 commission.] The undersecretary of the Criminal Justice Policy and
 107 Planning Division shall serve as chairperson of the commission. The
 108 commission shall meet at such times as it deems necessary.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section

Sec. 2	July 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 3	July 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 4	July 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 5	July 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 6	July 1, 2005	18-87j

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(c), the reference to "subsection (a)" was changed to "subsection (b)" for accuracy, and in section 6, "executive director" was changed to "undersecretary" for accuracy.

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