



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.

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

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| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | New section |
| Sec. 3 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | New section |
| Sec. 4 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | New section |
| Sec. 5 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | New section |
| Sec. 6 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | 18-87j      |

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*

**LM**        *Joint Favorable*