

2024 Kansas Statutes

74-9501. Kansas criminal justice coordinating council; membership; powers and duties; local government advisory group; task forces; sex offender policy board; substance abuse policy board. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas criminal justice coordinating council.

(b) The council shall consist of the governor or designee, the chief justice of the supreme court or designee, the attorney general or designee, the secretary of corrections, the superintendent of the highway patrol, the commissioner of juvenile justice and the director of the Kansas bureau of investigation.

(c) The governor shall designate staff to the Kansas criminal justice coordinating council. The staff shall attend all meetings of the council, be responsible for keeping a record of council meetings, prepare reports of the council and perform such other duties as directed by the council.

(d) The council shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among the members of the council.

(e) The council shall:

(1) Appoint a standing local government advisory group to consult and advise the council concerning local government criminal justice issues and the impact of state criminal justice policy and decisions on local units of government. The advisory group shall consist of a sheriff, chief of police, county or district attorney, a member of a city governing body and a county commissioner. Appointees to such advisory group shall serve without compensation or reimbursement for travel and subsistence or any other expenses.

(2) Define and analyze issues and processes in the criminal justice system, identify alternative solutions and make recommendations for improvements.

(3) Perform such criminal justice studies or tasks as requested by the governor, the attorney general, the legislature or the chief justice, as deemed appropriate or feasible by the council.

(4) Oversee development and management of a criminal justice database. All criminal justice agencies as defined in subsection (c) of K.S.A. 22-4701, and amendments thereto, and the juvenile justice authority shall provide any data or information, including juvenile offender information which is requested by the council, in a form and manner established by the council, in order to facilitate the development and management of the criminal justice council database.

(5) Develop and oversee reporting of all criminal justice federal funding available to the state or local units of government including assuming the designation and functions of administering the United States bureau of justice assistance grants.

(6) Form such task groups as necessary and appoint individuals who appropriately represent law enforcement, the judiciary, legal profession, state, local, or federal government, the public, or other professions or groups as determined by the council, to represent the various aspects of the issue being analyzed or studied, when analyzing criminal justice issues and performing criminal justice studies. Members of the legislature may be appointed ex officio members to such task groups. A member of the council shall serve as the chairperson of each task group appointed by the council. The council may appoint other members of the council to any task group formed by the council.

(7) Review reports submitted by each task group named by the council and shall submit the report with the council's recommendations pertaining thereto to the governor, the attorney general, the chief justice of the supreme court, the chief clerk of the house of representatives and the secretary of the senate.

(8) (A) Establish the substance abuse policy board to consult and advise the council concerning issues and policies pertaining to the treatment, sentencing, rehabilitation and supervision of substance abuse offenders. The board shall specifically analyze and study driving under the influence and the use of drug courts by other states.

(B) The substance abuse policy board shall consist of the secretary of corrections, the commissioner of juvenile justice, the secretary for aging and disability services, the director of the Kansas bureau of investigation, the chief justice of the supreme court or the chief justice's designee, a member of the Kansas sentencing commission,

a prosecutor appointed by the Kansas county and district attorneys association, and two persons appointed by the Kansas association of addiction professionals. Of the persons appointed by the Kansas association of addiction professionals, one shall be an addiction counselor and the other shall be a professional program administrator.

(C) Each member of the board shall receive compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as provided for in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto, except that the public members of the board shall receive compensation in the amount provided for legislators pursuant to K.S.A. 75-3212, and amendments thereto, for each day or part thereof actually spent on board activities. No per diem compensation shall be paid under this subsection to salaried state, county or city officers or employees.

(D) The substance abuse policy board shall elect a chairperson from its membership and shall meet upon the call of its chairperson as necessary to carry out its duties.

(E) Each appointed member of the substance abuse policy board shall be appointed for a term of two years and shall continue to serve during that time as long as the member occupies the position which made the member eligible for the appointment. Each member shall continue in office until a successor is appointed and qualifies. Members shall be eligible for reappointment, and appointment may be made to fill an unexpired term.

(F) The board shall submit its reports to the criminal justice coordinating council and to the governor, the attorney general, the chief justice of the supreme court, the chief clerk of the house of representatives and the secretary of the senate.

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