CHAPTER 49

(HB 362)

AN ACT relating to the Justice Cabinet and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 15A.030 is amended to read as follows:

The Justice Cabinet, in addition to the departments set forth in KRS 15A.020, shall consist of the following organizational units which are hereby created or reestablished:

- (1) Office of the Secretary of Justice comprised of the secretary of justice, the Commission on Correction and Community Service, the Kentucky State Corrections Commission, and the Criminal Justice Council. The Parole Board shall be attached to the Office of the Secretary for administrative and support purposes only.
- (2) Offices of Deputy Secretaries of Justice.
- (3) Office of the General Counsel.
- (4) Division of Kentucky State Medical Examiners Office.
- (5) Office of Management, Administrative, and Legal Services, which shall be responsible for providing information systems management, investigative services, and legal services to the Office of the Secretary. The office shall be headed by an executive director appointed by the secretary in accordance with KRS 12.050.

Section 2. Whereas the amendment set out in this Act will affect a positive influence upon the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky through the more efficient operation of the Kentucky Justice Cabinet and the General Assembly finds that any delay of the implementation of this Act will intolerably delay the provision of the most effective services of the Kentucky Justice Cabinet, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law. **Approved March 3, 2000**

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