

## CHAPTER 234

(HB 540)

AN ACT relating to reorganization.

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

Section 1. KRS 15.280 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) A Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center is hereby created as part of the ***Kentucky Justice Cabinet***~~{office of the Attorney General of Kentucky}~~.
- (2) ~~{The Attorney General of Kentucky may, by memorandum of agreement, provide for the operation of a Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center by the Urban Studies Center of the College of Urban and Public Affairs, University of Louisville, under the authority of the Attorney General.}~~The Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center shall provide its reports and recommendations to the Governor ***and the General Assembly*** through the ***Kentucky Criminal Justice Council***~~{Office of the Attorney General}~~.
- (3) The Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center shall:
  - (a) Improve the quality and usefulness of criminal justice statistics and research results that are disseminated to citizens, public agencies, and private agencies in Kentucky by:
    1. Conducting periodic needs assessments of criminal justice agencies;
    2. Analyzing offender-based tracking data;~~{and}~~
    3. Conducting specialized studies that use statistical data which are presently maintained by state and local agencies in Kentucky; ***and***
    4. ***Supporting the implementation of a statewide Unified Criminal Justice Information System through the Unified Criminal Justice Information System Committee of the Kentucky Criminal Justice Council.***
  - ~~(b){Increase storage capacity and enhance accessibility of criminal justice statistical data by:
 
    1. Assisting in establishing a statewide computerized database; and
    2. Maintaining selective criminal justice data sets at the University of Louisville for ongoing analysis and dissemination;
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  - ~~(e){Increase the ability of statistical users to translate data and research results into practice by:
 
    1. Publishing research results and statistical data that are requested by criminal justice agencies; ***and***
    2. Conducting conferences and workshops on the use of statistical information;~~{and}~~
    3. ~~Establishing a statewide statistical association;}~~
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  - ~~(c){(d)}~~Improve the relationship between citizens and criminal justice agencies of Kentucky by conducting citizen surveys of the needs, attitudes, and behavior relating to crime and justice; and

~~(d)~~~~(e)~~ Strengthen the relationship between the Kentucky criminal justice agencies and the National Bureau of Justice Statistics, United States Department of Justice, by:

1. Providing justice statistics to the Bureau of Justice Statistics as required; and
2. Serving as a clearinghouse for Bureau of Justice Statistics materials.

(4) The *Kentucky Justice Cabinet*~~[Office of the Attorney General]~~ may expend any federal grants or federal funds provided for carrying out the functions and authority as assigned in this section. Further, the *Kentucky Justice Cabinet through the Kentucky Criminal Justice Council*~~[Office of the Attorney General]~~ may employ such employees as may be necessary to fulfill the duties, responsibilities, and functions assigned by this section. **Approved March 29, 2000**

