

15A.075 Criminal Justice Council -- Membership -- Duties -- Administrative support.

- (1) The Criminal Justice Council is hereby created within the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet.
- (2) The council shall undertake such research and other activities as may be authorized or directed by:
 - (a) The secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet; or
 - (b) The General Assembly.
- (3) The membership of the council shall consist of:
 - (a) The secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, ex officio;
 - (b) The Attorney General or his or her designee;
 - (c) The chair of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, nonvoting ex officio;
 - (d) The chair of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate, nonvoting ex officio;
 - (e) The director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, ex officio;
 - (f) The public advocate, ex officio;
 - (g) The president of the Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers or his or her designee;
 - (h) The commissioner of the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, ex officio;
 - (i) The commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police or his or her designee;
 - (j) The commissioner of the Department of Corrections, ex officio;
 - (k) The commissioner of the Department of Juvenile Justice, ex officio; and
 - (l) Six (6) at-large members appointed by the Governor, as follows:
 1. One (1) District Judge and one (1) Circuit Judge nominated by the Chief Justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court;
 2. One (1) member representing law enforcement;
 3. One (1) member of the County Attorneys' Association;
 4. One (1) member of the Commonwealth Attorneys' Association; and
 5. One (1) member representing community-based organizations, whether for-profit or nonprofit, with experience in programs such as substance abuse prevention and treatment, case management, mental health, or counseling.
- (4) The chairs of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees shall serve as co-chairs.
- (5) At-large members shall be appointed by August 1, 2017, and shall serve a term of two (2) years, and may be reappointed.
- (6) Each ex officio member, except for legislative members, may designate a proxy by written notice to the council prior to call of order of each meeting, and the proxy shall be entitled to participate as a full voting member.
- (7) Each member of the council shall have one (1) vote. Members of the council

shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. The council shall meet at least quarterly. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chair, or upon the written request of two (2) members to the chair.

- (8) A simple majority of the members of the council shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at a meeting.
- (9) The council is authorized to establish committees and appoint additional persons who may not be members of the council, as necessary to effectuate its purposes.
- (10) The council's administrative functions shall be performed by the executive director of the Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Services, appointed by the secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and supported by the administrative, clerical, and other staff as allowed by budgetary limitations and as needed to fulfill the council's role and mission and to coordinate its activities.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (6/26/2007). 2007 Ky. Acts ch. 85, sec. 37, proposed to create this section relating to the Criminal Justice Council within the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet as a new section of KRS Chapter 15. However, since KRS Chapter 15 relates to the Department of Law and KRS Chapter 15A relates to the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, under the authority of KRS 7.136(1)(a), the Reviser of Statutes in codification has placed this section in KRS Chapter 15A rather than KRS Chapter 15.