

196.702 Functions of the commission.

The commission shall:

- (1) Develop a statewide strategic plan for the development and implementation of goals and objectives, target populations, and program criteria for community corrections programs;
- (2) Conduct, in collaboration with community corrections boards, a statewide assessment of community corrections programs;
- (3) Award all grant moneys to community corrections programs;
- (4) Review community correction program plans and their implementation to ensure compliance with the statewide strategic plan, including the following goals:
 - (a) Effectiveness of community corrections programs in maintaining public safety;
 - (b) Reduction of local commitments to the department;
 - (c) Reduction in the rate of recidivism; and
 - (d) Reduction in revocations of probation and parole;
- (5) Provide technical assistance, support, and training to local boards;
- (6) Submit an annual report no later than September 1 of each year to the commissioner, the Governor, and the General Assembly which includes at least the following information:
 - (a) The status of the implementation of the statewide strategic plan;
 - (b) The effectiveness of community corrections programs in achieving the goals outlined in subsection (4) of this section; and
 - (c) An accounting of the distribution of grants and other funds;
- (7) Administer the provisions of KRS 196.700 to 196.735;
- (8) Advise the Governor and the commissioner concerning correctional policy and programs, including particularly the following:
 - (a) The need for, and the development of, new or specialized institutions, facilities, or programs;
 - (b) The need for, and the effectuation of, collaboration and liaison within the department, and between the department and community agencies and resources, including the bench and bar, in order to promote the readjustment and rehabilitation of offenders in institutions or under parole or probation supervision in the community; and
 - (c) The need for, and the development of, useful research in penology, correctional treatment, criminal law, or in the disciplines relevant thereto; and
- (9) Establish a Parole Board Nominating Committee which shall:
 - (a) Include five (5) ex officio members of the commission:
 1. The secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, who shall serve as chairperson of the committee;
 2. The commissioner of the Department of Corrections, who shall serve as

- the vice chairperson of the committee;
 - 3. The director of the Division of Parole Board Support;
 - 4. The deputy commissioner of the Office of Adult Institutions; and
 - 5. The deputy commissioner of the Office of Community Services and Facilities;
- (b) Include ten (10) other members of the commission:
- 1. Two (2) Circuit Judges;
 - 2. Two (2) service providers with backgrounds in mental health or education;
 - 3. A person representing the views of business and industry;
 - 4. A person representing the views of organized labor;
 - 5. A practicing attorney; and
 - 6. Three (3) at-large members;
- (c) Publicize vacancies and impending term expirations on the Parole Board in accordance with standards set forth in KRS 424.180;
- (d) Submit the names of three (3) candidates to the commission for every vacancy or expired term on the Parole Board;
- (e) Forward a statement of qualifications of each nominee to the commission along with the nomination. This statement shall identify the experience which meets the qualifications for Parole Board membership outlined in KRS 439.320(1); and
- (f) Maintain the statement of qualifications as a public record in accordance with KRS 61.870 to 61.884.

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