

1 AN ACT relating to reorganization.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 15A.020 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet shall have the following departments:

5 (a) Department of Corrections;

6 (b) Department of Criminal Justice Training, which shall have the following
7 divisions:

8 1. Training Operations Division; and

9 2. Administrative Division;

10 (c) Department of Juvenile Justice, which shall have the following
11 offices~~[divisions]~~:

12 1. ***Office of Program Operations, which shall have the following***
13 ***divisions:***

14 ***a.*** ~~[Division of Medical Services;~~

15 ~~2.—]Division of Western Region;~~

16 ~~[3.—Division of Central Region;]~~

17 ***b.***~~[4.]~~Division of Eastern Region; ***and***

18 ***c. Division of Placement Services;***

19 ***2. Office of Support Services, which shall have the following divisions:***

20 ~~[5.—Division of Southeastern Region;]~~

21 ***a.***~~[6.]~~Division of Administrative Services;

22 ***b.***~~[7.]~~Division of Program Services; ***and***

23 ***c. Division of Medical Services; and***

24 ***3. Office of Community and Mental Health Services, which shall have***
25 ***the following divisions:***

26 ~~[8.—Division of Placement Services;]~~

27 ***a.***~~[9.]~~Division of Professional Development; and

- 1 ~~b.[10.]~~ Division of Community and Mental Health Services;
- 2 (d) Department of Kentucky State Police, which shall have the following
- 3 divisions:
- 4 1. Administrative Division;
- 5 2. Operations Division;
- 6 3. Technical Services Division; and
- 7 4. Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division; and
- 8 (e) Department of Public Advocacy, which shall have the following divisions:
- 9 1. Protection and Advocacy Division;
- 10 2. Division of Law Operations;
- 11 3. Division of Trial Services;
- 12 4. Division of Post-Trial Services; and
- 13 5. Division of Conflict Services.
- 14 (2) Each department, except for the Department of Public Advocacy, shall be headed by
- 15 a commissioner who shall be appointed by the secretary of justice and public safety
- 16 with the approval of the Governor as required by KRS 12.040. Each commissioner
- 17 shall be directly responsible to the secretary and shall have such functions, powers,
- 18 and duties as provided by law and as the secretary may prescribe. The Department
- 19 of Public Advocacy shall be headed by the public advocate, appointed as required
- 20 by KRS 31.020, who shall be directly responsible to the Public Advocacy
- 21 Commission. The Department of Public Advocacy is an independent state agency
- 22 which shall be attached to the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet for administrative
- 23 purposes only. The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet shall not have control over the
- 24 Department of Public Advocacy's information technology equipment and use unless
- 25 granted access by court order.
- 26 (3) The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet shall have the following offices:
- 27 (a) Office of the Secretary, which shall be headed by a deputy secretary appointed

1 pursuant to KRS 12.050 and responsible for the direct administrative support
2 for the secretary and other duties as assigned by the secretary, and which, with
3 the approval of the secretary, may employ such staff as necessary to perform
4 the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the office;

5 (b) Office of Management and Administrative Services, which shall be headed by
6 an executive director appointed pursuant to KRS 12.050 who shall be
7 responsible to and report to the secretary and be responsible for all matters
8 relating to human resources, state and federal grants management, including
9 but not limited to the administration of KRS 15A.060, fiscal functions,
10 management and daily operations of the information processing activities for
11 the cabinet, and management and daily administrative services for the cabinet;
12 and who, with the approval of the secretary, may employ such staff as
13 necessary to perform the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the office;

14 (c) Office of Legal Services, which shall be headed by an executive director
15 appointed pursuant to KRS 12.050 and 12.210, that:

- 16 1. Shall provide legal representation and services for the cabinet; and
- 17 2. May investigate all complaints regarding the facilities, staff, treatment of
18 juveniles, and other matters relating to the operation of the Justice and
19 Public Safety Cabinet. If it appears that there is a violation of statutes,
20 administrative regulations, policies, court decisions, the rights of
21 juveniles who are subject to the orders of the department, or any other
22 matter relating to the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, the office shall
23 report to the secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet who
24 shall, if required, refer the matter to a law enforcement agency,
25 Commonwealth's attorney, county attorney, the Attorney General, or
26 federal agencies, as appropriate. The office may be used to investigate
27 matters in which there is a suspicion of violation of written policy,

1 administrative regulation, or statutory law within the Department of
2 Public Advocacy only when the investigation will have no prejudicial
3 impact upon a person who has an existing attorney-client relationship
4 with the Department of Public Advocacy. Notwithstanding the
5 provisions of this subparagraph, investigation and discipline of KRS
6 Chapter 16 personnel shall continue to be conducted by the Department
7 of Kentucky State Police pursuant to KRS Chapter 16. The office shall
8 conduct no other investigations under the authority granted in this
9 subparagraph. The secretary may, by administrative order, assign the
10 investigative functions in this subparagraph to a branch within the
11 office.

12 The executive director shall be directly responsible to and report to the
13 secretary and, with the approval of the secretary, may employ such attorneys
14 appointed pursuant to KRS 12.210 and other staff as necessary to perform the
15 duties, functions, and responsibilities of the office;

16 (d) Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Services, which shall be headed
17 by an executive director appointed pursuant to KRS 12.050 who shall be
18 responsible for all matters relating to the provision of support to the Criminal
19 Justice Council, legislative liaison services, and functions and duties vested in
20 the Criminal Justice Council as described in KRS 15A.030. The executive
21 director shall be directly responsible to and report to the secretary and may
22 employ such staff as necessary to perform the duties, functions, and
23 responsibilities of the office;

24 (e) Office of the Kentucky State Medical Examiner, which shall be headed by a
25 chief medical examiner appointed pursuant to KRS 72.240 who shall be
26 responsible for all matters relating to forensic pathology and forensic
27 toxicology and other duties as assigned by the secretary. The executive

1 director appointed pursuant to KRS 12.050 shall be responsible for all matters
2 related to the administrative support of the Office of the State Medical
3 Examiner. The executive director shall report directly to the secretary and with
4 the approval of the secretary may employ such administrative support staff as
5 necessary to perform the administrative duties, functions, and responsibilities
6 of the office. The chief medical examiner shall be directly responsible to and
7 report to the secretary and may employ such staff as necessary to perform the
8 forensic duties, functions, and responsibilities of the office; and

- 9 (f) Office of Drug Control Policy, which shall be headed by an executive director
10 appointed pursuant to KRS 12.050 who shall be responsible for all matters
11 relating to the research, coordination, and execution of drug control policy and
12 for the management of state and federal grants, including but not limited to the
13 prevention and treatment related to substance abuse. By December 31 of each
14 year, the Office of Drug Control Policy shall review, approve, and coordinate
15 all current projects of any substance abuse program which is conducted by or
16 receives funding through agencies of the executive branch. This oversight
17 shall extend to all substance abuse programs which are principally related to
18 the prevention or treatment, or otherwise targeted at the reduction, of
19 substance abuse in the Commonwealth. The Office of Drug Control Policy
20 shall promulgate administrative regulations consistent with enforcing this
21 oversight authority. The executive director shall be directly responsible to and
22 report to the secretary and may employ such staff as necessary to perform the
23 duties, functions, and responsibilities of the office.

24 ➔Section 2. The General Assembly hereby confirms Executive Order 2017-599,
25 dated September 1, 2017, which reorganizes the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet
26 Department of Corrections, to the extent that it is not otherwise confirmed or superseded
27 by this Act.