



STATE OF TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE GOVERNOR

Number 63

**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE
COORDINATING COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, protecting the lives and property of the citizens of this state is the highest priority of state government; and

WHEREAS, this Administration is committed to building and maintaining a strong criminal justice system that employs scarce state and local resources in an efficient manner to most effectively ensure public safety; and

WHEREAS, multiple agencies, branches and divisions of both state and local governments share various responsibilities for Tennessee's criminal justice system. These entities include state and local elected and appointed officials, including state agency heads, county and municipal mayors, judges, prosecutors, public defenders, and state and local law enforcement officials; and

WHEREAS, other non-government members of our state also play critical roles in this state's criminal justice system, including but not limited to victim advocacy groups, faith-based service providers and members of the state's higher education community; and

WHEREAS, understanding that meeting the goal of best protecting the safety of the citizens of this state requires that these various entities coordinate their efforts and work together to maintain and improve our criminal justice system, a group of stakeholders in the criminal justice system began meeting informally in November 2007, with the goal of making a recommendation to the governor concerning the establishment of a permanent Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; and

WHEREAS, having completed its findings, this group made its recommendation to the Governor in September 2009, calling for the creation of a permanent Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; and

WHEREAS, this Administration seeks to formalize and continue the work of this vital group of criminal justice stakeholders.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and the laws of Tennessee, do hereby direct and order the following:

1. The Governor's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is hereby established. The Council is charged with collaborating with and coordinating the services of state and local governmental agencies and non-governmental entities in the criminal justice system to increase public safety. In performing these duties, the Council shall conduct

planning, research and evaluation activities to improve criminal justice system operations and coordination.

2. The Council shall consist of nineteen (19) members.
 - a. The following thirteen (13) members shall be appointed by the Governor. These members shall include:
 - i. One (1) county mayor or city mayor;
 - ii. One (1) judge presiding over a court of criminal jurisdiction;
 - iii. One (1) judge presiding over a court of juvenile jurisdiction;
 - iv. One (1) district public defender;
 - v. One (1) district attorney general;
 - vi. One (1) chief of police of an incorporated municipality;
 - vii. One (1) county sheriff;
 - viii. One (1) executive officer of a business in Tennessee related to the criminal justice system;
 - ix. One (1) faculty member of a Tennessee institution of higher learning who has expertise in the areas of corrections and/or criminal justice;
 - x. One (1) person who represents a non-profit supplier of services to the Tennessee criminal justice system;
 - xi. One (1) person who represents a faith-based community service organization;
 - xii. One (1) person who represents a victim's rights organization or advocacy group; and
 - xiii. One (1) citizen of the State of Tennessee.
 - b. In addition, the council shall include the following six (6) members:
 - i. The Commissioner of Correction;
 - ii. The Commissioner of Children's Services;
 - iii. The Chairman of the Board of Probation and Parole;
 - iv. One (1) member of the Tennessee Senate to be selected by the Speaker of the Senate;
 - v. One (1) member of the Tennessee House of Representatives to be selected by the Speaker of the House of the Representatives;
 - vi. The Executive Director of the Tennessee General Assembly's Select Oversight Committee on Correction.
3. The Governor shall appoint a chairperson from the membership of the Council. Thereafter, the Council shall meet at such times and places as determined by the chairperson.
4. The Council shall be attached to the Department of Finance and Administration for administrative purposes.
5. Members of the Council shall receive no compensation for their services on the Council, but may be reimbursed for those expenses allowed by the provisions of the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration and approved by the Attorney General and Reporter. Members of the General Assembly shall be reimbursed in the same manner as they are paid for attending legislative meetings pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 3-1-106.
6. All Executive branch departments, agencies, boards and commissions and any other divisions of state government shall fully cooperate with

the Committee in carrying out the mandates of this Executive Order and shall provide staff support and any other assistance as requested.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this February 10th 2010.



Phil Rand

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lee Hargett

SECRETARY OF STATE