



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 77

**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM  
IMPLEMENTATION COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, based upon a comprehensive review of Tennessee's juvenile justice system, this administration proposed, and the Tennessee General Assembly passed, the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018 (2018 Public Chapter No. 1052) (the "Act"), which enacts reforms to strengthen families and communities while improving public safety and accountability, expanding community-based services, and more effectively using taxpayer dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2018-19 state budget included a \$4,500,000 recurring appropriation to the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to implement a grant program in order to expand community-based services and treatment options for juveniles to increase access to effective alternatives to custody in all areas of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous agencies, legislators, and stakeholders supported the work that led to passage of the Act, including the 2017 Joint Ad-hoc Tennessee Blue Ribbon Task Force on Juvenile Justice and the 2016 Tennessee Juvenile Justice Realignment Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, successful implementation of the Act will require ongoing support, collaboration, and focus, which can best be accomplished by establishing a dedicated team of experts, stakeholders, and public officials.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law, do hereby direct and order the following:

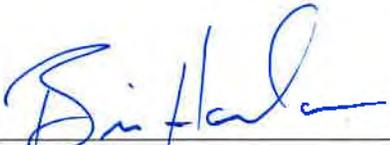
1. The Governor's Juvenile Justice Reform Implementation Council (the "Council") is hereby established. The Council is established for the following purposes:
  - a. Monitoring implementation of the Act, which may include developing performance measures, reviewing relevant policies, collecting and analyzing performance and other data, promoting consistent statewide implementation of the Act, and soliciting stakeholder and qualitative feedback;

- b. Recommending amendments to the Act and additional juvenile justice-related legislation;
  - c. Assisting with the standardization and improvement of statewide juvenile justice-related data collection;
  - d. Assessing and recommending best practices from across Tennessee and from other states;
  - e. Ensuring that the Juvenile Justice Reform Local Diversion Grants are allocated in a manner that improves outcomes; and
  - f. Taking other appropriate measures related to improving the juvenile justice system and public safety in Tennessee.
2. The Council shall consist of up to twenty-one (21) members. The members shall be appointed by the governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. The Council shall include representation from state agencies, the judiciary, law enforcement, community agencies, and other juvenile justice stakeholders and experts. Appointments to the Council shall take into consideration diversity and statewide representation.
3. If a member ceases to serve for any reason, then the governor shall appoint a successor.
4. The governor shall appoint a chair of the Council to serve a two-year term. This member shall be eligible for reappointment as chair. In the event a chair ceases to serve for any reason during that chair's term, the governor shall appoint another member as chair for the unexpired portion of the term. In the event a chair is not appointed at the end of a two-year term, the member then serving as chair shall holdover until a successor is named or this Order expires.
5. The Council shall meet no less than two (2) times per year. The governor, chair, or a majority of the members of the Council shall have the authority to call a meeting of the Council.
6. The Council shall submit a report to the governor, Speaker of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding implementation of the Act, which may include recommendations and other information as the Council deems necessary and appropriate, no later than September 1, 2020. The Council may submit additional reports, updates, and recommendations on a more frequent basis, at the discretion of the Council or as requested by the governor.
7. The Council shall be attached to the Tennessee Department of Children's Services for administrative purposes, and the Office of the Governor or the Department shall maintain the records of the Council in accordance with applicable retention policies
8. All executive branch departments, agencies, boards and commissions, and any other divisions of state government shall fully cooperate with the Council in carrying out

this Order and shall provide staff support and any other assistance as reasonably requested. The Council may consult with other professionals and organizations with expertise in the issues surrounding juvenile justice to assist in carrying out its duties.

9. The Council is authorized to create procedures and policies for the conduct of its business and the discharge of its duties to the extent such matters have not been addressed in this Order.
10. Members of the Council shall not receive any compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for their official travel expenses pursuant to policies and guidelines promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration.
11. This Executive Order shall expire December 31, 2022, upon which date the Council shall terminate and cease to exist unless extended by a subsequent order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 18th day of January, 2019.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE



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