

Article 83C - Juvenile Justice

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(a) There is a Commission on Juvenile Justice Jurisdiction in the Department of Juvenile Justice.

(b) The purpose of the Commission on Juvenile Justice Jurisdiction shall be to:

(1) Consider the impact of recent changes in juvenile court jurisdiction on:

(i) The respective caseloads of juvenile courts and adult criminal courts;

(ii) The level and incidence of crimes and delinquent acts committed by youthful offenders; and

(iii) Services provided by public and private entities;

(2) Utilize resources within the Department to study and document the effects of:

(i) Existing and alternative sanction mechanisms;

(ii) Incentives and systems of incentive;

(iii) Job opportunities and job training programs and what effect they might have on recidivism; and

(iv) Education and special education services provided to youthful offenders;

(3) Consider the impact of any changes in federal juvenile justice law or jurisdiction;

(4) Recommend and propose feasible strategies and avenues within the Department, elsewhere in State government, and in the private and nonprofit sectors, that might limit crimes and delinquent acts by youthful offenders; and

(5) Provide on an annual basis any recommendations for changes to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

(c) The Commission shall consist of:

(1) The Secretary of Juvenile Justice;

(2) The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services;

(3) The Secretary of Human Resources;

(4) The State Superintendent of Schools;

(5) The Special Secretary for Children, Youth and Families;