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Chapter 55
Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils

Part 1
General Provisions

17-55-101 Definitions.

As used in this part:

(1) "Commission" means the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice created in Section 63M-7-201.

(2) "Criminal justice agency" means an agency or institution directly involved in the apprehension, prosecution, or incarceration of a person involved in criminal activity.

(3) "Criminal justice coordinating council" or "council" means a council created by a county or counties in accordance with Section 17-55-201.

(4) "Criminal justice system" means the continuum of criminal justice agencies and post-incarceration services that an individual may encounter as a result of the individual's criminal activity.

(5)

(a) "Post-incarceration services" means services that may assist an individual who is leaving incarceration to reintegrate into the community.

(b) "Post-incarceration services" includes:

(i) educational services;

(ii) housing services;

(iii) health care services;

(iv) workforce services; and

(v) human services programs.

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Part 2
Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils

17-55-201 Criminal justice coordinating councils -- Creation -- Strategic plan -- Reporting requirements.

(1)

(a) Beginning January 1, 2023, a county shall:

(i) create a criminal justice coordinating council; or

(ii) jointly with another county or counties, create a criminal justice coordinating council.

(b) The purpose of a council is to coordinate and improve components of the criminal justice system in the county or counties.

(2)

(a) A council shall include:

(i) one county commissioner or county council member;

(ii) the county sheriff or the sheriff's designee;

(iii) one chief of police of a municipality within the county or the chief's designee;

(iv) the county attorney or the attorney's designee;
(v) one public defender or attorney who provides public defense within the county;
(vi) one district court judge;
(vii) one justice court judge;
(viii) one representative from the Division of Adult Probation and Parole within the Department of Corrections;
(ix) one representative from the local mental health authority within the county; and
(x) one individual who is:
(A) a crime victim; or
(B) a victim advocate, as defined in Section 77-38-403.
(b) A council may include:
(i) an individual representing:
(A) local government;
(B) human services programs;
(C) higher education;
(D) peer support services;
(E) workforce services;
(F) local housing services;
(G) mental health or substance use disorder providers;
(H) a health care organization within the county;
(I) a local homeless council;
(J) family counseling and support groups; or
(K) organizations that work with families of incarcerated individuals; or
(ii) an individual with lived experiences in the criminal justice system.
(3) A council shall rotate the position of the chair among the members.
(4)
(a) A council shall develop and implement a strategic plan for the county's or counties' criminal justice system that includes:
(i) mapping of all systems, resources, assets, and services within the county's or counties' criminal justice system;
(ii) a plan for data sharing across the county's or counties' criminal justice system;
(iii) recidivism reduction objectives; and
(iv) community reintegration goals.
(b) The commission may assist a council in the development of a strategic plan.
(5) As part of the council's duties described in Subsection (4)(a)(i), the council shall prepare a list of private probation providers for a court to provide to defendants as described in Section 77-18-105.
(6) Before November 30 of each year, a council shall provide a written report to the commission regarding:
(a) the implementation of a strategic plan described in Subsection (4); and
(b) any data on the impact of the council on the criminal justice system in the county or counties.

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