

# State of North Carolina ROY COOPER

## GOVERNOR

### September 25, 2020

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 167** 

#### JUVENILE JUSTICE PLANNING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Executive Organization Act of 1973 established the Governor's Crime Commission; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-1102 establishes the Juvenile Justice Planning Committee as an adjunct committee to advise the Governor's Crime Commission on matters referred to it that are relevant to juvenile justice; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-1102, the composition of the Juvenile Justice Planning Committee shall be designated by the Governor through executive order; and

WHEREAS, the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Act of 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-415 (1974), as amended, requires states to establish advisory boards to administer juvenile justice and delinquency prevention grants from the United States Department of Justice ("DOJ"); and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Justice Planning Committee is ideally suited to serve as such an advisory board consistent with federal law; and

WHEREAS, juvenile justice policies and programs not only improve the health and well-being of juveniles, their families and the broader community, but also improve juveniles' long-term education and employment prospects.

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED**:

#### SECTION 1. Membership Composition

The Juvenile Justice Planning Committee shall consist of no less than fifteen (15) and no more than twenty-five (25) members appointed by the Governor. Each member shall have training, experience, or special knowledge concerning the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency or the administration of justice, or other relevant expertise and experience.

The majority of the members, as well as the chair, shall not be full-time employees of federal, state or local government. At least one-fifth (1/5) of the members shall be under the age of twenty-eight (28) at the time of appointment and at least three (3) members shall be under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system or have been previously under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system, or if not feasible and in appropriate circumstances, the parent or guardian of someone who has been or is currently under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system.

The Governor shall appoint at least one representative from the following:

- 1. Elected officials representing general purpose local government.
- 2. Representatives of local law enforcement and juvenile justice agencies. which may include: a juvenile court or family court judge, a juvenile or local prosecutor, counsel for children, or a probation worker.

- Representatives of public agencies concerned with delinquency prevention, or treatment, such as welfare, social services, child and adolescent mental health, education, child and adolescent substance abuse, special education, services for youth with disabilities, recreation and youth services.
- 4. Private non-profit agencies working with children and families.
- 5. Volunteers who work with delinquents or children at risk of delinquency.
- 6. Programs that are alternatives to confinement, including organized recreation activities.
- 7. Programs addressing problems related to school violence and vandalism and alternatives to suspension and expulsion.
- 8. Persons licensed or certified by the state with expertise and competence in preventing and addressing mental health and substance abuse needs in delinquent youth and youth at risk of delinquency.
- 9. Victim or witness advocacy groups including at least one (1) individual with expertise in addressing the challenges of sexual abuse exploitation and traumas' advocacy organizations
- 10. An American Indian tribal representative or other individual with significant expertise in tribal law enforcement and juvenile justice in the American Indian tribal communities.
- 11. County sheriffs' departments.
- 12. Non-profit faith-based groups or community groups.

#### SECTION 2. Terms of Service

Members shall serve for two (2) years provided that the Governor, as set forth in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-1102(d), may remove any member or the chair at any time for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance.to ensure compliance with federal requirements.

#### SECTION 3. Chair

The Chair of the Juvenile Justice Planning Committee shall be designated by the Governor and serve at the Governor's pleasure. Pursuant to federal membership composition requirements, the chair shall not be a full-time employee of federal, state or local government.

#### SECTION 4. Meetings

The Juvenile Justice Planning Committee shall meet at least quarterly upon the call of the Chair or upon written request of one-third (1/3) of its membership. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### SECTION 5. Administration of Federal Grants

The Juvenile Justice Planning Committee shall serve as North Carolina's advisory board for purposes of administering juvenile justice and delinquency prevention grants from DOJ.

#### SECTION 6. Duration

This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until August 31, 2022, unless repealed, replaced or rescinded by another applicable Executive Order. It supersedes and replaces all other Executive Orders on this subject.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

Roy Cooper Governor

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State

