

EXECUTIVE ORDER 75-04

CREATING THE GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE; DESIGNATING THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AGENCY AS THE STATE PLANNING AGENCY UNDER THE JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT OF 11.74; AND THE OMNIBUS CRIME CONTROL AND SAFE STREETS ACT OF 1968, AS AMENDED BY THE OMNIBUS CRIME CONTROL ACT OF 1970, AND THE CRIME CONTROL ACT OF 1973; AND TAKING OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE STATE'S LAW AND JUSTICE PROGRAM

WHEREAS,

The incidence of crime in the State of Washington threatens the peace, security and general welfare of the state and its citizens; and

Our ability to create an environment with protective services to insure the greater safety of our citizens and property of the state depends upon more effective law enforcement activity, crime prevention programs, and other elements of an approved law enforcement program; and

The Congress of the United States through the enactment of of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (P. L. 90-351), the Omnibus Crime Control Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-644), and the Crime Control Act of 1973 (P. L. 93-83) has implemented a policy to assist State and local governments in strengthening and improving the system of law enforcement and criminal justice at every level; and

It is incumbent upon the State of Washington to prepare for a more adequate law enforcement program by preparing, adopting and implementing a comprehensive state plan for law and justice pursuant to such legislation; and

Section 203 of Title I of the Crime Control Act of 1973 requires the designation, by the Governor, of a planning agency not only representative of the state agencies and units of general local government maintaining programs to reduce and control crime, but also responsible for the development of a comprehensive statewide plan for the improvement of law enforcement and criminal justice throughout the State; the definition, development, and correlation of programs and projects for the Sate and the units of general local government in the State; and the establishment of priorities for the improvement in law enforcement and criminal justice throughout the state; and

The Congress of the United States, through the enactment of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-415), has declared a policy to increase the capacity of state and local governments and public and private agencies to conduct effective juvenile justice and delinquency prevention and rehabilitation programs and to provide research, evaluation, and training services in the field of juvenile delinquency prevention; and

Section 223 of Title II of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, requires the designation of the same single agency designated pursuant to the Crime Control Act of 1973, as the single agency to be responsible for the preparation and supervision of the administration of

a comprehensive state plan for juvenile delinquency prevention and treatment and the improvement of the juvenile justice system throughout the State; and

It is recognized that the public interest of the citizens of the State of Washington requires that there be full and effective implementation of the provisions of Crime Control Act of 1973, and Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and that it is appropriate and desirable to accomplish this through a unified administrative program which ensures that planning for the criminal and juvenile justice systems is coordinated and interrelated with other on-going community and human resources planning activity at the state and local level;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel J. Evans, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Washington, do hereby publish the following Executive Order:

1. There is hereby created the Governor's Committee on Law and Justice which shall consist of 29 members including but not limited to, representatives of law enforcement and criminal justice agencies, units of general local government and public agencies maintaining programs to reduce and control crime. The presiding officer and other members of the Governor's Committee shall be appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure.

2. The Governor's Committee on Law and Justice shall serve as the supervisory board for the State Planning Agency for law and justice matters, subject to the authority of the Governor as required under the previously mentioned federal legislation and regulations issued pursuant thereto, and as such, shall review, approve, and maintain general oversight of the state law and justice plan prepared pursuant to the Crime Control Act of 1973, and the implementation of that plan. In carrying out such responsibilities, the Governor's Committee shall: (a) approve and adopt program goals, standards, and objectives; monitor progress toward their attainment; and, as necessary, effect modifications of such program goals, standards, and objectives as considered appropriate by the Governor's Committee; (b) approve and adopt criminal justice standards and goals; (c) propose new programs to improve the State's criminal and juvenile justice systems and recommend appropriate implementing legislation to the Governor; (d) assure broad exposure to the statewide criminal and juvenile justice program through sponsorship of public meetings hearings on criminal justice standards and goals, and liaison with regional law and justice committees; (e) approve and adopt planning guidelines for regional plans; (f) review and in accordance with established policies, act on regional and state agency plans; (g) approve the allocation of regional and state planning and action funds; and (h) provide for the orderly management of the functions of the Governor's Committee in a manner consistent with this Executive Order through adoption of bylaws and, with the assistance, as necessary, of the Director of the Planning and Community Affairs Agency, the establishment of task forces and other advisory bodies to help it carry out its responsibilities.

3. The Planning and Community Affairs Agency is hereby designated as the "State Planning Agency" for the purposes of implementing the Crime Control Act of 1973 and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 in the State of Washington; at the discretion of the Director of the Planning and Community Affairs Agency this designation may be effected by and through the Office of Community Development.

4. As the State Planning Agency, the Planning and Community Affairs Agency under the supervision of the Governor's Committee on Law and Justice as further defined in Section 2 hereof, shall (a) provide, develop, and revise comprehensive plans meeting the requirements of applicable federal regulations implementing the Crime Control Act of 1973 and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974; develop policy options for the Governor; and establish priorities relating to law enforcement and the improvement of the State's criminal and juvenile justice systems; (b) define, develop, and correlate programs under such plans; (c) provide and administer grants and other financial as well as technical assistance to eligible applicants under the previously mentioned federal legislation; (d) perform such other responsibilities relating to law enforcement, juvenile delinquency prevention, and the criminal and juvenile justice systems as are requested of it, or are required by appropriate federal legislation, including providing such general administrative support to the Governor's Committee on Law and Justice as is necessary to enable it to carry out its functions. The Director of the Planning and Community Affairs Agency shall also designate a specific unit of that agency as the Law and Justice Planning Office which shall carry out the state law and justice functions delegated to it by the Director; appoint a full-time administrator and staff for such office; and interrelate, where appropriate and possible, the state's law enforcement and criminal and juvenile justice and delinquency prevention plans with other federal, state and local planning and program activities.

5. The membership of the Governor's Committee on Law and Justice, and any task forces or advisory bodies established by the Governor's Committee and the Planning and Community Affairs Agency pursuant to this Executive Order may receive such per diem and reimbursement for actual travel expenses as ins authorized under RCW 43.63A.130.

6. The [Executive Order](#) dated December 19, 1968 establishing the Law and Justice Planning Agency, is hereby rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 23rd day of April A.D., Nineteen hundred and seventy-five.

Daniel J. Evans
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State
