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EXECUTIVE ORDER 14-05

**ESTABLISHING THE WASHINGTON STATE
JUSTICE REINVESTMENT TASKFORCE**

WHEREAS Washington State is a national leader in innovative and effective criminal justice policy; and

WHEREAS Washington has implemented many best practices in sentencing and corrections, such as sentencing alternatives, revocation reduction, risk and need assessment, and evidence based programming to reduce recidivism which has helped keep us well under the national rate of incarceration and slowed the growth of our prison population; and

WHEREAS Washington has closed older and less efficient prison facilities; and

WHEREAS the Department of Corrections is currently at capacity and will need to identify options for additional prison capacity to meet the forecasted need of an additional 1,000 prison beds by 2018; and

WHEREAS Washington is committed to creating jobs, improving education, preserving natural resources, and the health and safety of our citizens, and allocating state resources in a manner best suited to support these goals; and

WHEREAS the leaders of the state Legislature and Judiciary have signed a joint letter requesting assistance to undergo a justice reinvestment process with the Bureau of Justice Assistance. This process includes an independent analysis of the state's sentencing and corrections data, to help identify prison population drivers, and develop recommendations for legislation and other changes to improve public safety while reducing the forecasted need for additional prison capacity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, hereby create the Washington State Justice Reinvestment Taskforce as follows:

1. The Taskforce shall consist of 21 members and shall be appointed as follows:
 - a. The Governor of Washington or his designee;
 - b. The Chief Justice of the Washington Supreme Court or her designee;
 - c. A member of the Washington State House of Representatives from the majority caucus;
 - d. A member of the Washington State House of Representatives from the minority caucus;
 - e. A member of the Washington State Senate from the majority caucus;
 - f. A member of the Washington State Senate from the minority caucus;
 - g. The Chair of the Appropriations Committee of the Washington State House of Representatives or his designee;

- h. The Chair of the Ways and Means Committee of the Washington State Senate or his designee;
 - i. A prosecutor appointed by the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys;
 - j. A criminal defense lawyer appointed jointly by the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Washington Defender Association;
 - k. A law enforcement representative appointed by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs;
 - l. A representative from the Washington State Institute for Public Policy;
 - m. A representative from the Caseload Forecast Council;
 - n. A representative appointed by the Washington State Association of Counties;
 - o. The Chair of the Washington State Sentencing Guidelines Commission or his designee;
 - p. The Secretary of the Washington State Department of Corrections or his designee;
 - q. The Secretary of the Washington State Department of Social and Human Services or his designee;
 - r. A Superior Court judge as appointed by the Superior Court Judges Association;
 - s. A representative from a victim services organization;
 - t. A member of the public as appointed by the Governor; and
 - u. A former offender as appointed by the Governor.
2. All members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority. The co-chairs of the Taskforce shall be a member of the Legislature and the Governor's designee. The chairs shall develop a work plan, set the agenda, and provide leadership and direction for the Taskforce.
 3. A quorum for the Taskforce meetings shall consist of a majority of the members. The Taskforce shall make recommendations on an affirmative vote of a majority of its members.
 4. The Taskforce shall develop recommendation utilizing data, research, and the following principles and goals:
 - a. Maintain a safe and effective correctional system;
 - b. Maintain capacity for our most violent offenders;
 - c. Provide evidence-based interventions to reduce recidivism and deter crime;
 - d. Achieve justice for victims;
 - e. Ensure accountability and set clear performance measures for our criminal justice system;
 - f. Minimize the need to increase prison capacity; and
 - g. Increase public safety through a reinvestment of a portion of any identified savings resulting from these recommendations into other areas of the criminal justice, or other public systems that have been proven to reduce recidivism.
 5. In developing their recommendations, the Taskforce may form workgroups.
 6. The Taskforce shall produce a written report of their recommendations in December 2014.
 7. The Taskforce shall develop omnibus legislation based on their recommendations for the 2015 legislative session.
 8. The Taskforce shall participate in the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) of the United States Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The JRI assistance may provide data analysis; information on evidence-based practices in sentencing and corrections policies;

assistance with Taskforce facilitation and engagement of the public, interested parties, and public safety stakeholders; development of policy options and modeling the impact of those options; development of a communications plan; and assistance in building public and policymaker support for the Commission's recommendations.

9. In addition to JRI assistance, the Washington Department of Corrections and the Governor's Office of Financial Management shall provide staff support for the Taskforce. If the Taskforce requires assistance or non-privileged data from any other state agency, board, or commission, then such agency, board, or commission shall provide assistance or non-privileged data to the Taskforce upon request.
10. The members of the Taskforce shall not receive per diem for their activities as members of the Taskforce, but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending Taskforce meetings, subject to the availability of funds.
11. This order expires on June 30, 2016.

This order takes effect immediately.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 24th day of June, 2014, at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/

Jay Inslee
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/

Secretary of State