

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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MAINE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Justice Assistance Act of 1984 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") recommends that each State establish a broad-based policy board; and

WHEREAS, such a board was created previously by executive directive as the Maine Justice Assistance Council; and

WHEREAS, seven members were appointed to the board by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, such a board has served usefully in effectively coordinating criminal justice programs in the State; and

WHEREAS, such a board can serve to further the purposes of the Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby formalize the executive directive establishing the Maine Justice Assistance Council.

Group Established

The Maine Justice Assistance Council shall operate as the broad-based policy board as recommended in the Act.

The Department of Public Safety is designated as the State Office, pursuant to Section 408(a) of the Act. The Department of Public Safety is responsible for:

1. Preparing an application to obtain funds;
2. Administering funds received from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, including receipt, review, processing, monitoring, progress and financial report review, technical assistance, grant adjustments, accounting, auditing, and fund disbursements; and
3. Providing for the fulfillment of any other necessary requirements pursuant to the Justice Assistance Act.

When the Department of Public Safety awards a subgrant to an agency of State government, the Department shall notify the Legislative Finance and Program Review Office pursuant to 5 MRSA Sec. 3354.

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Membership

Members of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of three years or until a successor is appointed and shall be eligible for re-appointment at the discretion of the Governor. Members appointed to fill an unexpired term shall serve until the expiration date of that term or until a successor is appointed.

Appointees to the Council shall include: the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety; the Director of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy; a sheriff; a police chief; a district attorney; a representative of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group; the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or his designee; the Attorney General, or his designee; and the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, or his designee.

Responsibilities

The Council shall be responsible for:

1. Establishing policies and priorities in regard to the Justice Assistance Act;
2. Reviewing funding applications and making funding recommendations;
3. Issuing requests for proposals and other appropriate information pertaining to the Act; and
4. Responding to other requirements of the Act as necessary and appropriate.


JOSEPH E. BRENNAN
Governor