

HOUSE BILL No. 2429

By Representatives Owens and Finney

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Proposed Amendments to HB 2429 - Jennings
House Corrections and Juvenile Justice
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1 AN ACT concerning the Kansas criminal justice reform commission;
2 relating to membership; public defender; amending K.S.A. 2019 Supp.
3 21-6902 and repealing the existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 21-6902 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 21-6902. (a) There is hereby created the Kansas criminal justice
8 reform commission.

9 (b) The commission shall:

10 (1) Analyze the sentencing guidelines grids for drug and nondrug
11 crimes and make recommendations for legislation that would ensure
12 sentences are appropriate;

13 (2) review the sentences imposed for criminal conduct to determine
14 whether the sentences are proportionate to other sentences imposed for
15 criminal offenses;

16 (3) analyze diversion programs utilized throughout the state and make
17 recommendations with respect to expanding diversion options and
18 implementation of a state-wide diversion standards;

19 (4) review the supervision levels and programming available for
20 offenders who serve sentences for felony offenses on community
21 supervision;

22 (5) study specialty courts and make recommendations for the use of
23 specialty courts throughout the state;

24 (6) survey the availability of evidence-based programming for
25 offenders provided both in correctional facilities and in the community,
26 and make recommendations for changes in available programming;

27 (7) study the policies of the department of corrections for placement
28 of offenders within the correctional facility system and make
29 recommendations with respect to specialty facilities, including, but not
30 limited to, geriatric, healthcare and substance abuse facilities;

31 (8) evaluate existing information management data systems and make
32 recommendations for improvements to data systems that will enhance the
33 ability of criminal justice agencies to evaluate and monitor the efficacy of
34 the criminal justice system at all points in the criminal justice process; and

35 (9) study other matters, that, as the commission determines, are
36 appropriate and necessary to complete a thorough review of the criminal

1 2019. The appointing authorities shall provide notice of such appointments
2 to the office of revisor of statutes and the legislative research department.

3 (e) The members of the commission shall elect officers from among
4 its members necessary to discharge its duties. The commission shall
5 receive testimony from interested parties at public hearings to be
6 conducted in the various geographic areas of the state.

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7 (f) If approved by the legislative coordinating council, legislative
8 members of the commission attending meetings authorized by the
9 commission shall be paid amounts for expenses, mileage and subsistence
10 as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223(e), and amendments thereto.

11 (g) The commission shall have the authority to organize and appoint
12 such task forces or subcommittees as may be deemed necessary to
13 discharge such commission's duties, including adding ex officio, nonvoting
14 members to such task forces or subcommittees.

15 (h) The commission shall work with the Kansas judicial council, the
16 department of corrections, the office of judicial administration and the
17 Kansas sentencing commission and review studies and findings of the
18 Kansas sentencing commission concerning proportionality of sentencing.

19 (i) The commission shall prepare and submit its interim report to the
20 legislature on or before December 1, 2019. A final report and
21 recommendations shall be submitted to the legislature on or before
22 December 1, 2020.

23 (j) The staff of the office of revisor of statutes and the legislative
24 research department shall provide such assistance as may be requested by
25 the commission as authorized by the legislative coordinating council.

26 (k) The governor shall appoint a facilitator to assist the commission
27 in developing a project plan and who shall assist the commission in
28 carrying out the duties of the commission in an orderly manner. The
29 facilitator shall work in collaboration with the commission chairperson and
30 staff of the office of revisor of statutes and the legislative research
31 department. The facilitator shall not be a member of the commission. The
32 facilitator, in coordination with the office of revisor of statutes and the
33 legislative research department, shall call the first meeting of the
34 commission, which shall take place during August 2019.

35 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 21-6902 is hereby repealed.

36 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
37 publication in the statute book.

(2) Members of the commission who are not legislators or public employees shall receive mileage, tolls and parking as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto, for attendance at any meeting of the commission or any subcommittee meeting authorized by the commission