

NSC and NSC Statutes

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NRS 176.0131 Legislative findings and declarations. The Legislature hereby finds, and declares to be the public policy of this State, that:

- 1. Sentencing and corrections policies should embody fairness, consistency, proportionality and opportunity.
- 2. The laws of this State should convey a clear and purposeful rationale regarding sentencing and corrections. The statutes governing criminal justice should articulate the purpose of sentencing, and related policies and practices should be logical, understandable and transparent to stakeholders and the public.
- 3. A continuum of sentencing and corrections options should be available, with imprisonment reserved for the most serious offenders and adequate community programs for diversion and supervision of other offenders.
- 4. Sentencing and corrections policies should be resource sensitive as those policies may impact costs, inmate populations and public safety. Criminal justice agencies should strive to effectively measure costs and benefits.
- 5. Criminal justice information should be a foundation for effective data driven sentencing and corrections policies.
 - 6. Sentencing and corrections policies should reflect current circumstances and needs.
- 7. Strategies to reduce crime and victimization should involve prevention, treatment, health and labor and must endeavor to utilize all available federal, academic and private resources and expertise.

NRS 176.01313 Definitions. As used in NRS 176.0131 to 176.014, inclusive, 176.01315, 176.01317 and unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 176.0132 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

NRS 176.01315 "Department" defined. "Department" means the Department of Sentencing Policy created by NRS 176.01323.

NRS 176.01317 "Executive Director" defined. "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Department.

NRS 176.0132 "Sentencing Commission" defined. "Sentencing Commission" means the Nevada Sentencing Commission created by NRS 176.0133.

NRS 176.01323 Department created; appointment and qualifications of Executive Director; employment of staff or consultants by Executive Director.

- The Department of Sentencing Policy is hereby created.
- 2. The Executive Director of the Department must be appointed by the Governor from a list of three persons recommended by the Sentencing Commission.



- 3. The Executive Director:
- (a) Is in the unclassified service of this State;
- (b) Serves at the pleasure of the Sentencing Commission, except that the Executive Director may only be removed upon a finding by the Sentencing Commission that his or her performance is unsatisfactory;
 - (c) Must be an attorney licensed to practice law in this State; and
- (d) Shall devote his or her entire time and attention to the duties of his or her office and shall not engage in any other gainful employment or occupation.
- 4. The Executive Director may, within the limits of money available for this purpose, employ or enter into a contract for the services of such employees or consultants as is necessary to carry out the provisions of NRS 176.0131 to 176.014, inclusive.

NRS 176.01327 Duties of Executive Director. The Executive Director appointed pursuant to NRS 176.01323 shall:

- 1. Oversee all of the functions of the Department.
- 2. Serve as Executive Secretary of the Sentencing Commission without additional compensation.
- 3. Report to the Sentencing Commission on sentencing and related issues regarding the functions of the Department and provide such information to the Sentencing Commission as requested.
- 4. Assist the Sentencing Commission in determining necessary and appropriate recommendations to assist in carrying out the responsibilities of the Department.
 - 5. Establish the budget for the Department.
- 6. Facilitate the collection and aggregation of data from the courts, Department of Corrections, Division of Parole and Probation of the Department of Public Safety and any other agency of criminal justice.
- 7. Identify variables or sets of data concerning criminal justice that are not currently collected or shared across agencies of criminal justice within this State.
- 8. Assist in preparing and submitting the comprehensive report required to be prepared by the Sentencing Commission pursuant to subsection 11 of NRS 176.0134.
- 9. Take any other actions necessary to carry out the powers and duties of the Sentencing Commission pursuant to NRS 176.0131 to 176.014, inclusive.

NRS 176.0133 Creation; members and appointing authorities; Chair; terms; vacancies; per diem; staff.

- 1. The Nevada Sentencing Commission is hereby created within the Department. The Sentencing Commission consists of:
 - (a) One member appointed by the Governor;
- (b) One member who is a justice of the Supreme Court of Nevada or a retired justice of the Supreme Court of Nevada, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nevada;
- (c) Two members who are judges appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nevada;
- (d) One member who is a representative of the Administrative Office of the Courts appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nevada;
 - (e) The Director of the Department of Corrections;
- (f) One member who is a representative of the Office of the Attorney General, appointed by the Attorney General;



- (g) One member who is a district attorney, appointed by the governing body of the Nevada District Attorneys Association;
- (h) One member who is a representative of the Office of the Clark County Public Defender, appointed by the head of the Office of the Clark County Public Defender;
- (i) One member who is a representative of the Office of the Washoe County Public Defender, appointed by the head of the Office of the Washoe County Public Defender;
- (j) One member who is an attorney in private practice, experienced in defending criminal actions, appointed by the governing body of the State Bar of Nevada;
- (k) One member who has been a victim of a crime or is a representative of an organization supporting the rights of victims of crime, appointed by the Governor;
- (I) One member who is a member of the State Board of Parole Commissioners, appointed by the State Board of Parole Commissioners;
- (m) One member who is a representative of the Division of Parole and Probation of the Department of Public Safety, appointed by the Governor;
- (n) One member who is a representative of the Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association, appointed by the Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association;
- (o) One member who is a representative of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, appointed by the Sheriff of Clark County;
- (p) One member who is a representative of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services;
- (q) One member who is a representative of an organization that advocates on behalf of inmates, appointed by the Governor;
- (r) Two members who are Senators, one of whom is appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate and one of whom is appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
- (s) Two members who are members of the Assembly, one of whom is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one of whom is appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly:
 - (t) The Director of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation; and
- (u) One member who is a representative of an organization that works with offenders upon release from incarceration to assist in reentry into the community appointed by the Chair of the Legislative Commission.
- 2. The Executive Director shall serve as the Executive Secretary of the Sentencing Commission.
- 3. If any organization listed in subsection 1 ceases to exist, the appointment required pursuant to that subsection must be made by the association's successor in interest, or, if there is no successor in interest, by the Governor.
- 4. Each appointed member serves a term of 2 years. Members may be reappointed for additional terms of 2 years in the same manner as the original appointments. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Sentencing Commission must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment not later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs.
- 5. The Legislators who are members of the Sentencing Commission are entitled to receive the salary provided for a majority of the members of the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding session for each day's attendance at a meeting of the Sentencing Commission.
- 6. At the first regular meeting of each odd-numbered year, the members of the Sentencing Commission shall elect a Chair by majority vote who shall serve until the next Chair is elected.
 - 7. The Sentencing Commission shall:
 - (a) Hold its first meeting on or before September 1 of each odd-numbered year; and



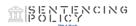
- (b) Meet at least once every 3 months and may meet at such further times as deemed necessary by the Chair.
- 8. A member of the Sentencing Commission may designate a nonvoting alternate to attend a meeting in his or her place.
- 9. A majority of the members of the Sentencing Commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those members present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Sentencing Commission. A nonvoting alternate designated by a member pursuant to subsection 8 who attends a meeting of the Sentencing Commission for which the alternate is designated shall be deemed to be a member of the Sentencing Commission for the purpose of determining whether a quorum exists.
- 10. While engaged in the business of the Sentencing Commission, to the extent of legislative appropriation, each member of the Sentencing Commission is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

NRS 176.0134 Duties of Sentencing Commission. The Sentencing Commission shall:

- 1. Advise the Legislature on proposed legislation and make recommendations with respect to all matters relating to the elements of this State's system of criminal justice which affect the sentences imposed for felonies and gross misdemeanors.
- 2. Evaluate the effectiveness and fiscal impact of various policies and practices regarding sentencing which are employed in this State and other states, including, without limitation, the use of plea bargaining, probation, programs of intensive supervision, programs of regimental discipline, imprisonment, sentencing recommendations, mandatory and minimum sentencing, mandatory sentencing for crimes involving the possession, manufacture and distribution of controlled substances, enhanced penalties for habitual criminals, parole, credits against sentences, residential confinement and alternatives to incarceration.
- 3. Recommend changes in the structure of sentencing in this State which, to the extent practicable and with consideration for their fiscal impact, incorporate general objectives and goals for sentencing, including, without limitation, the following:
- (a) Offenders must receive sentences that increase in direct proportion to the severity of their crimes and their histories of criminality.
- (b) Offenders who have extensive histories of criminality or who have exhibited a propensity to commit crimes of a predatory or violent nature must receive sentences which reflect the need to ensure the safety and protection of the public and which allow for the imprisonment for life of such offenders.
- (c) Offenders who have committed offenses that do not include acts of violence and who have limited histories of criminality must receive sentences which reflect the need to conserve scarce economic resources through the use of various alternatives to traditional forms of incarceration.
- (d) Offenders with similar histories of criminality who are convicted of similar crimes must receive sentences that are generally similar.
- (e) Offenders sentenced to imprisonment must receive sentences which do not confuse or mislead the public as to the actual time those offenders must serve while incarcerated or before being released from confinement or supervision.
- (f) Offenders must not receive disparate sentences based upon factors such as race, gender or economic status.



- (g) Offenders must receive sentences which are based upon the specific circumstances and facts of their offenses, including the nature of the offense and any aggravating factors, the savagery of the offense, as evidenced by the extent of any injury to the victim, and the degree of criminal sophistication demonstrated by the offender's acts before, during and after commission of the offense.
- 4. Facilitate the development and maintenance of a statewide sentencing database in collaboration with state and local agencies, using existing databases or resources where appropriate.
- 5. Provide training regarding sentencing and related issues, policies and practices, and act as a sentencing policy resource for this State.
- 6. Evaluate the impact of pretrial, sentencing diversion, incarceration and postrelease supervision programs.
- 7. Identify potential areas of sentencing disparity related to race, gender and economic status.
- 8. Propose and recommend statutory sentencing guidelines, based on reasonable offense and offender characteristics which aim to preserve judicial discretion and provide for individualized sentencing, for the use of the district courts. If such guidelines are enacted by the Legislature, the Sentencing Commission shall review and propose any recommended changes.
- 9. Evaluate whether sentencing guidelines recommended pursuant to subsection 8 should be mandatory and if judicial findings should be required for any departures from the sentencing guidelines.
- 10. Provide recommendations and advice to the Executive Director concerning the administration of the Department, including, without limitation:
- (a) Receiving reports from the Executive Director and providing advice to the Executive Director concerning measures to be taken by the Department to ensure compliance with the duties of the Sentencing Commission.
- (b) Reviewing information from the Department regarding sentencing of offenders in this State.
- (c) Requesting any audit, investigation or review the Sentencing Commission deems necessary to carry out the duties of the Sentencing Commission.
- (d) Coordinating with the Executive Director regarding the procedures for the identification and collection of data concerning the sentencing of offenders in this State.
- (e) Advising the Executive Director concerning any required reports and reviewing drafts of such reports.
- (f) Making recommendations to the Executive Director concerning the budget for the Department, improvements to the criminal justice system and legislation related to the duties of the Sentencing Commission.
 - (g) Providing advice and recommendations to the Executive Director on any other matter.
- 11. For each regular session of the Legislature, with the assistance of the Department, prepare a comprehensive report including:
 - (a) The Sentencing Commission's recommended changes pertaining to sentencing; and
- (b) The Sentencing Commission's findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation.
 - 12. Submit the report prepared pursuant to subsection 11 to:
 - (a) The Office of the Governor; and
- (b) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for distribution to the Legislature not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year.



NRS 176.01343 Tracking and assessment of outcomes resulting from enactment of chapter 633, Statutes of Nevada 2019.

- 1. The Sentencing Commission shall:
- (a) Track and assess outcomes resulting from the enactment of chapter 633, Statutes of Nevada 2019, including, without limitation, the following data from the Department of Corrections:
 - (1) With respect to prison admissions:
- (I) The total number of persons admitted to prison by type of offense, type of admission, felony category, prior criminal history, gender identity or expression, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age and, if measured upon intake, risk score;
- (II) The average minimum and maximum sentence term by type of offense, type of admission, felony category, prior criminal history, gender identity or expression, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, mental health status and, if measured upon intake, risk score; and
- (III) The number of persons who received a clinical assessment identifying a mental health or substance use disorder upon intake.
 - (2) With respect to parole and release from prison:
- (I) The average length of stay in prison for each type of release by type of offense, felony category, prior criminal history, gender identity or expression, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, mental health status and, if measured upon intake, risk score;
- (II) The total number of persons released from prison each year by type of release, type of admission, felony category, prior criminal history, gender identity or expression, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, mental health status and, if measured upon intake, risk score;
 - (III) The recidivism rate of persons released from prison by type of release; and
- (IV) The total number of persons released from prison each year who return to prison within 36 months by type of admission, type of release, type of return to prison, including, without limitation, whether such a subsequent prison admission was the result of a new felony conviction or a revocation of parole due to a technical violation, prior criminal history, gender identity or expression, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, mental health status and, if measured upon intake, risk score.
 - (3) With respect to the number of persons in prison:
- (I) The total number of persons held in prison on December 31 of each year, not including those persons released from a term of prison who reside in a parole housing unit, by type of offense, type of admission, felony category, prior criminal history, gender identity or expression, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, mental health status and, if measured upon intake, risk score;
- (II) The total number of persons held in prison on December 31 of each year who have been granted parole by the State Board of Parole Commissioners but remain in custody, and the reasons therefor;
- (III) The total number of persons held in prison on December 31 of each year who are serving a sentence of life with or without the possibility of parole or who have been sentenced to death; and
- (IV) The total number of persons as of December 31 of each year who have started a treatment program while in prison, have completed a treatment program while in prison and are awaiting a treatment program while in prison, by type of treatment program and type of offense.

- (b) Track and assess outcomes resulting from the enactment of chapter 633, Statutes of Nevada 2019, with respect to the following data, which the Division shall collect and report to the Sentencing Commission:
 - (1) With respect to the number of persons on probation or parole:
- (I) The total number of supervision intakes by type of offense, felony category, prior criminal history, gender identity or expression, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, mental health status and, if measured upon intake, risk score;
- (II) The average term of probation imposed for persons on probation by type of offense:
- (III) The average time served by persons on probation or parole by type of discharge, felony category and type of offense;
- (IV) The average time credited to a person's term of probation or parole as a result of successful compliance with supervision:
- (V) The total number of supervision discharges by type of discharge, including, without limitation, honorable discharges and dishonorable discharges, and cases resulting in a return to prison;
- (VI) The recidivism rate of persons discharged from supervision by type of discharge, according to the Division's internal definition of recidivism;
- (VII) The number of persons identified as having a mental health issue or a substance use disorder; and
- (VIII) The total number of persons on probation or parole who are located within this State on December 31 of each year, not including those persons who are under the custody of the Department of Corrections.
- (2) With respect to persons on probation or parole who violate a condition of supervision or commit a new offense:
- (I) The total number of revocations and the reasons therefor, including, without limitation, whether the revocation was the result of a mental health issue or substance use disorder:
- (II) The average amount of time credited to a person's suspended sentence or the remainder of the person's sentence from time spent on supervision;
- (III) The total number of persons receiving administrative or jail sanctions, by type of offense and felony category; and
- (IV) The median number of administrative sanctions issued by the Division to persons on supervision, by type of offense and felony category.
- (c) Track and assess outcomes resulting from the enactment of chapter 633, Statutes of Nevada 2019, with respect to savings and reinvestment, including, without limitation:
- (1) The total amount of annual savings resulting from the enactment of any legislation relating to the criminal justice system;
- (2) The total annual costs avoided by this State because of the enactment of chapter 633, Statutes of Nevada 2019, as calculated pursuant to NRS 176.01347; and
- (3) The entities that received reinvestment funds, the total amount directed to each such entity and a description of how the funds were used.
- (d) Track and assess trends observed after the enactment of chapter 633, Statutes of Nevada 2019, including, without limitation, the following data, which the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History shall collect and report to the Sentencing Commission as reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation:



- (1) The uniform crime rates for this State and each county in this State by index crimes and type of crime; and
- (2) The percentage changes in uniform crime rates for this State and each county in this State over time by index crimes and type of crime.
- (e) Identify gaps in this State's data tracking capabilities related to the criminal justice system and make recommendations for filling any such gaps.
- (f) Prepare and submit a report not later than the first day of the second full week of each regular session of the Legislature to the Governor, the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature and the Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court. The report must include recommendations for improvements, changes and budgetary adjustments and may also present additional recommendations for future legislation and policy options to enhance public safety and control corrections costs.
- (g) Employ and retain other professional staff as necessary to coordinate performance and outcome measurement and develop the report required pursuant to this section.
 - 2. As used in this section:
 - (a) "Technical violation" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 176A.510.
- (b) "Type of admission" means the manner in which a person entered into the custody of the Department of Corrections, according to the internal definitions used by the Department of Corrections.
- (c) "Type of offense" means an offense categorized by the Department of Corrections as a violent offense, sex offense, drug offense, property offense, DUI offense or other offense, consistent with the internal data systems used by the Department of Corrections.

NRS 176.01347 Development of formula to calculate costs avoided by enactment of chapter 633, Statutes of Nevada 2019; submission of statements and reports regarding costs avoided.

- 1. The Sentencing Commission shall develop a formula to calculate for each fiscal year the amount of costs avoided by this State because of the enactment of chapter 633, Statutes of Nevada 2019. The formula must include, without limitation, a comparison of:
- (a) The annual projection of the number of persons who will be in a facility or institution of the Department of Corrections which was created by the Office of Finance pursuant to NRS 176.0129 for calendar year 2018: and
- (b) The actual number of persons who are in a facility or institution of the Department of Corrections during each year.
- 2. Not later than December 1 of each fiscal year, the Sentencing Commission shall use the formula developed pursuant to subsection 1 to calculate the costs avoided by this State for the immediately preceding fiscal year because of the enactment of chapter 633, Statutes of Nevada 2019, and submit a statement of the amount of the costs avoided to the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Interim Finance Committee.
- 3. Not later than August 1 of each even-numbered year, the Sentencing Commission shall prepare a report containing the projected amount of costs avoided by this State for the next biennium because of the enactment of chapter 633, Statutes of Nevada 2019, and recommendations for the reinvestment of the amount of those costs to provide financial support to programs and services that address the behavioral health needs of persons involved in the criminal justice system in order to reduce recidivism. In preparing the report, the Commission shall prioritize providing financial support to:



- (a) The Department of Corrections for programs for reentry of offenders and parolees into the community, programs for vocational training and employment of offenders, educational programs for offenders and transitional work programs for offenders;
- (b) The Division for services for offenders reentering the community, the supervision of probationers and parolees and programs of treatment for probationers and parolees that are proven by scientific research to reduce recidivism;
- (c) Any behavioral health field response grant program developed and implemented pursuant to NRS 289.675;
- (d) The Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry to create or provide transitional housing for probationers and parolees and offenders reentering the community; and
- (e) The Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council created by NRS 176.014 for the purpose of making grants to counties for programs and treatment that reduce recidivism of persons involved in the criminal justice system.
- 4. Not later than August 1 of each even-numbered year, the Sentencing Commission shall submit the report prepared pursuant to subsection 3 to the Governor and to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next regular session of the Legislature.

NRS 176.0135 Grants, bequests, devises, donations and gifts; Special Account for the Support of the Nevada Sentencing Commission.

- 1. The Chair of the Sentencing Commission may apply for and accept any available grants and may accept any bequests, devises, donations or gifts from any public or private source to carry out the provisions of NRS 176.0132 to 176.0139, inclusive.
- 2. Any money received pursuant to this section must be deposited in the Special Account for the Support of the Nevada Sentencing Commission, which is hereby created in the State General Fund. Interest and income earned on money in the Account must be credited to the Account. Money in the Account may only be used for the support of the Sentencing Commission and its activities pursuant to NRS 176.0132 to 176.0139, inclusive.

NRS 176.0136 Subpoenas: Power to issue; compelling performance.

- 1. To carry out its powers and duties pursuant to NRS 176.0132 to 176.0139, inclusive, the Sentencing Commission, or any member thereof acting on behalf of the Sentencing Commission with a concurrence of a majority of the members of the Sentencing Commission, may issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, records, documents or other papers and testimony.
- 2. If any person fails to comply with a subpoena issued by the Sentencing Commission or any member thereof pursuant to this section within 20 days after the date of service of the subpoena, the Sentencing Commission may petition the district court for an order of the court compelling compliance with the subpoena.
- 3. Upon such a petition, the court shall enter an order directing the person subpoenaed to appear before the court at a time and place to be fixed by the court in its order, the time to be not more than 20 days after the date of service of the order, and show cause why the person has not complied with the subpoena. A certified copy of the order must be served upon the person subpoenaed.
- 4. If it appears to the court that the subpoena was regularly issued by the Sentencing Commission or a member thereof pursuant to this section, the court shall enter an order



compelling compliance with the subpoena, and upon failure to obey the order the person shall be dealt with as for contempt of court.

NRS 176.0137 Department of Corrections and Division of Parole and Probation to provide information to and assist Sentencing Commission.

- 1. The Department of Corrections shall:
- (a) Provide the Sentencing Commission with any available statistical information or research requested by the Sentencing Commission and assist the Sentencing Commission in the compilation and development of information requested by the Sentencing Commission, including, without limitation, information or research concerning the facilities and institutions of the Department of Corrections, the offenders who are or were within those facilities or institutions, rates of recidivism, the effectiveness of educational and vocational programs and the sentences which are being served or were served by those offenders;
- (b) If requested by the Sentencing Commission, make available to the Sentencing Commission the use of the computers and programs which are owned by the Department of Corrections; and
- (c) Provide the independent contractor retained pursuant to NRS 176.0129 with any available statistical information requested by the independent contractor for the purpose of performing the projections required by NRS 176.0129.
 - 2. The Division shall:
- (a) Provide the Sentencing Commission with any available statistical information or research requested by the Sentencing Commission and assist the Sentencing Commission in the compilation and development of information concerning sentencing, probation, parole and any offenders who are or were subject to supervision by the Division;
- (b) If requested by the Sentencing Commission, make available to the Sentencing Commission the use of the computers and programs which are owned by the Division; and
- (c) Provide the independent contractor retained pursuant to NRS 176.0129 with any available statistical information requested by the independent contractor for the purpose of performing the projections required by NRS 176.0129.

NRS 176.0138 Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History to facilitate data collection and provide data and information to Sentencing Commission. The Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History shall provide the Sentencing Commission with any statistical data and information required to be collected pursuant to NRS 176.0128, as requested by the Sentencing Commission.

NRS 176.0139 Annual projections of persons imprisoned, on probation, on parole and in residential confinement. The Office of Finance shall provide the Sentencing Commission with any projections on persons imprisoned, on probation, on parole and serving a term of residential confinement required pursuant to NRS 176.0129, as requested by the Sentencing Commission.

NRS 176.014 Creation; composition; Chair; duties; terms of members; per diem; staff.

- 1. The Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council is hereby created. The Council consists of:
 - (a) One member from each county in this State whose population is less than 100,000; and
 - (b) Two members from each county in this State whose population is 100,000 or more.
- 2. Each member of the Council must be appointed by the governing body of the applicable county. The Chair of the Sentencing Commission shall appoint the Chair of the Council from among the members of the Council.
 - 3. The Council shall:
- (a) Advise the Sentencing Commission on matters related to any legislation, regulations, rules, budgetary changes and all other actions needed to implement the provisions of this act as they relate to local governments;
- (b) Identify county-level programming and treatment needs for persons involved in the criminal justice system for the purpose of reducing recidivism;
- (c) Make recommendations to the Sentencing Commission regarding grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations from the State General Fund;
 - (d) Oversee the implementation of local grants;
 - (e) Create performance measures to assess the effectiveness of the grants; and
- (f) Identify opportunities for collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services at the state and county level for treatment services and funding.
- 4. Each member of the Council serves a term of 2 years. Members may be reappointed for additional terms of 2 years in the same manner as the original appointments. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Council must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment not later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs.
- 5. While engaged in the business of the Council, to the extent of legislative appropriation, each member of the Council is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.
- 6. To the extent of legislative appropriation, the Sentencing Commission shall provide the Council with such staff as is necessary to carry out the duties of the Council pursuant to this section.