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SUMMARY

Establishes Juvenile Justice Advisory Commission within Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. Specifies membership of Juvenile Justice Advisory Commission. Requires commission to conduct policy analysis based on specified criteria and make recommendations to Legislative Assembly relating to juvenile justice system.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to juvenile justice.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Establishment of commission; membership. (1) **The Juvenile Justice Advisory Commission is established within the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to provide data-driven policy recommendations to strengthen public safety and improve youth outcomes in the juvenile justice system of this state.**

(2) The Juvenile Justice Advisory Commission consists of 17 members who are appointed as follows:

(a) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint one representative of the Judicial Department.

(b) The Governor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the Senate in the manner prescribed in ORS 171.562 and 171.565:

(A) One representative of the Department of Human Services;

(B) Two representatives of the Oregon Youth Authority;

(C) One representative of the Department of Education;

(D) One practicing juvenile criminal defense attorney with experience in juvenile delinquency;

1 (E) One practicing juvenile criminal defense attorney with experi-
2 ence in juvenile dependency;

3 (F) One practicing prosecutor;

4 (G) One pediatric physician with clinical experience with youth;

5 (H) One psychologist, therapist or psychiatrist with clinical experi-
6 ence with youth;

7 (I) One person who is a member of an organization that advocates
8 for youth;

9 (J) Two members of the public who previously have been in the ju-
10 venile justice system;

11 (K) One county juvenile department director; and

12 (L) One person who is a member of a federally recognized Indian
13 tribe in this state, or that person's designee.

14 (c) The Senate President shall appoint one member of the Senate
15 who shall be a nonvoting member serving ex officio.

16 (d) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one
17 member of the House of Representatives who shall be a nonvoting
18 member serving ex officio.

19 (3) Of the persons appointed by the Governor under subsection (2)
20 of this section, no more than seven may belong to the same political
21 party. For purposes of this subsection, party affiliation is determined
22 by the appropriate entry on the person's official election registration
23 card.

24 (4) Members who are appointed to the Juvenile Justice Advisory
25 Commission shall be appointed with consideration to geographical,
26 racial, ethnic and gender diversity.

27 (5) The term of office of each member of the Juvenile Justice Ad-
28 visory Commission other than a legislative member is four years. The
29 term of office for a legislator who is appointed ex officio under sub-
30 section (2) of section is four years or the end of the legislator's term,
31 whichever comes first. Before the expiration of the term of a member,

1 the appointing authority shall appoint a successor whose term begins
2 immediately upon the expiration of the term of the current member.
3 A member is eligible for reappointment, but may serve no more than
4 two consecutive terms. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the ap-
5 pointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately
6 effective for the unexpired term, which shall not count toward the
7 limitation of two consecutive terms under this subsection.

8 (6) A voting member of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Commission
9 who is not an employee of the state is entitled to compensation and
10 expenses as provided in ORS 292.495. A voting member of the com-
11 mission who is an employee of the state, other than a legislator
12 member, is not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed from
13 funds available to the commission for actual and necessary travel and
14 other expenses incurred by the member in the performance of the
15 member's official duties in the manner and amount provided in ORS
16 292.495. Claims for compensation and expenses incurred in performing
17 the functions of the commission shall be paid out of funds appropri-
18 ated to the commission for that purpose.

19 (7) A legislative member of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Commis-
20 sion is entitled to payment of compensation and expenses under ORS
21 171.072 from funds appropriated to the Legislative Assembly.

22 SECTION 2. Initial terms. Notwithstanding the term of office spec-
23 ified by section 1 of this 2023 Act, of the voting members first ap-
24 pointed to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Commission:

- 25 (1) Three shall serve for a term ending January 1, 2025.
26 (2) Four shall serve for a term ending January 1, 2026.
27 (3) Four shall serve for a term ending January 1, 2027.
28 (4) Four shall serve for a term ending January 1, 2028.

29 SECTION 3. Officers; quorum; meetings. (1) The Governor shall
30 select one of the voting members of the Juvenile Justice Advisory
31 Commission as a chairperson who shall serve at the pleasure of the

1 **Governor. The term of the chairperson is one year. A person may be**
2 **reappointed as chairperson for no more than two consecutive years.**

3 **(2) The members of the commission shall select one of the voting**
4 **members as a vice chairperson.**

5 **(3) A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a**
6 **quorum for the transaction of business.**

7 **(4) The commission shall meet at least four times per year at a time**
8 **and place determined by the commission. The commission also may**
9 **meet at other times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**
10 **or of a majority of the members of the commission.**

11 **(5) The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall provide staff**
12 **support to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Commission.**

13 **SECTION 4. Duties. (1) The Juvenile Justice Advisory Commission**
14 **shall analyze the juvenile justice system of the state and provide rec-**
15 **ommendations for any change in law, policy, practice and appropri-**
16 **ation to improve youth outcomes. In conducting its analysis the**
17 **commission shall consider:**

18 **(a) Key drivers of detention and residential placement;**

19 **(b) Available alternatives to detention and residential placement;**

20 **(c) Outcomes associated with educational and skills training op-**
21 **portunities for youth impacted by the juvenile justice system;**

22 **(d) Racial and ethnic disparities among youth impacted by the ju-**
23 **venile justice system;**

24 **(e) The efficiency and effectiveness of state and county oversight**
25 **systems; and**

26 **(f) Opportunities for better alignment with research and constitu-**
27 **tional mandates.**

28 **(2) The Juvenile Justice Advisory Commission may:**

29 **(a) Recommend legislation;**

30 **(b) Assess the impact of current legislation involving juvenile jus-**
31 **tice; and**

1 (c) Develop data-driven best practices for juvenile courts and prac-
2 titioners.

3 (3) The Juvenile Justice Advisory Commission shall provide a report
4 to the Legislative Assembly, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245,
5 by September 1st of every even-numbered year.

6 (4) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are
7 directed to assist the Juvenile Justice Advisory Commission in the
8 performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
9 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the
10 members of the commission consider necessary to perform their du-
11 ties.

12 SECTION 5. Initial report due. The report described in section 4 (3)
13 of this 2023 Act is first due September 1, 2024, and September 1 of every
14 even-numbered year thereafter.

15 SECTION 6. Repeals. (1) Section 2 of this 2023 Act is repealed on
16 January 2, 2029.

17 (2) Section 5 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

18 SECTION 7. Captions. The section captions used in this 2023 Act are
19 provided only for the convenience of the reader and do not become
20 part of the statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent
21 in the enactment of this 2023 Act.

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