

216A.133A Public safety advisory board — duties.

1. A public safety advisory board is established whose membership shall be determined by the criminal and juvenile justice planning advisory council and shall consist of current members of the council. Any actions taken by the board shall be considered separate and distinct from the council.

2. The purpose of the board is to provide the general assembly with an analysis of current and proposed criminal code provisions.

3. The duties of the board shall consist of the following:

a. Reviewing and making recommendations relating to current sentencing provisions. In reviewing such provisions the board shall consider the impact on all of the following:

- (1) Potential disparity in sentencing.
- (2) Truth in sentencing.
- (3) Victims.
- (4) The proportionality of specific sentences.
- (5) Sentencing procedures.

(6) Costs associated with the implementation of criminal code provisions, including costs to the judicial branch, department of corrections, and judicial district departments of correctional services, costs for representing indigent defendants, and costs incurred by political subdivisions of the state.

(7) Best practices related to the department of corrections including recidivism rates, safety and efficient use of correctional staff, and compliance with correctional standards set by the federal government and other jurisdictions.

(8) Best practices related to the Iowa child death review team established in section 135.43 and the Iowa domestic abuse death review team established in section 135.109.

b. Reviewing and making recommendations relating to proposed legislation, in accordance with paragraph “a”, as set by rule by the general assembly or as requested by the executive or judicial branch proposing such legislation.

c. Providing expertise and advice to the legislative services agency, the department of corrections, the judicial branch, and others charged with formulating fiscal, correctional, or minority impact statements.

d. Reviewing data supplied by the division, the department of management, the legislative services agency, the Iowa supreme court, and other departments or agencies for the purpose of determining the effectiveness and efficiency of the collection of such data.

4. The board may call upon any department, agency, or office of the state, or any political subdivision of the state, for information or assistance as needed in the performance of its duties. The information or assistance shall be furnished to the extent that it is within the resources and authority of the department, agency, office, or political subdivision. This section does not require the production or opening of any records which are required by law to be kept private or confidential.

5. The board shall report to the general assembly’s standing committees on government oversight all sources of funding by December 1 of each year.

6. Membership on the board shall be bipartisan as provided in section 69.16 and gender balanced as provided in section 69.16A.

7. Meetings of the board shall be open to the public as provided in chapter 21.

8. Members of the board shall receive reimbursement from the state for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. Members may also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in section 7E.6.

2010 Acts, ch 1193, §155; 2011 Acts, ch 34, §51

[T] Subsection 5 amended