## 80E.1 Drug policy director.

1. The office of drug control policy is established in the department of public safety. A drug policy director shall be appointed by the commissioner of the department of public safety. The director shall be selected primarily for administrative ability. The director shall not be selected on the basis of political affiliation and shall not engage in political activity while holding the office.

2. The director shall:

a. Direct the office of drug control policy, and coordinate and monitor all statewide drug enforcement efforts, coordinate and monitor all state and federal substance use disorder treatment grants and programs, coordinate and monitor all statewide substance use disorder prevention and education programs in communities and schools, and engage in such other related activities as required by law. The director shall work in coordinating the efforts of the department of corrections, the department of education, and the department of health and human services. The director shall assist in the development and implementation of local and community strategies to fight substance use disorder, including local law enforcement, education, and treatment activities.

b. Submit an annual report to the governor and general assembly by November 1 of each year concerning the activities and programs of the director and other departments related to drug enforcement, substance use disorder treatment programs, and substance use disorder prevention and education programs. The report shall include an assessment of needs with respect to programs related to substance use disorder treatment and drug enforcement.

c. Submit an advisory budget recommendation to the governor and general assembly concerning enforcement programs, treatment programs, and education programs related to drugs within the various departments. The director shall work with these departments in developing the departmental budget requests to be submitted to the legislative services agency and the general assembly.

3. Administrative support services shall be provided to the office of drug control policy by the department of public safety.

89 Acts, ch 225, §1; 2000 Acts, ch 1126, §1, 2; 2003 Acts, ch 35, §45, 49; 2012 Acts, ch 1131, §33; 2022 Acts, ch 1029, §1; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §2189 Referred to in §80.5, 124.101

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