

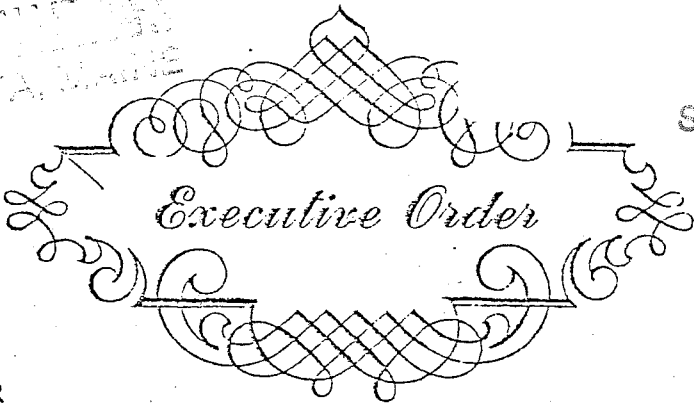
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JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended, requires each State to establish a State Juvenile Justice Advisory Group if it is to receive funds under the Act; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 500 thousand dollars expended annually in the State of Maine to provide juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs and services by a number of Federal, State and local agencies to improve the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, such an advisory group can play an important role in effectively coordinating juvenile justice and delinquency prevention and related programs to ensure the efficient delivery of juvenile services in the State; and

WHEREAS, such an advisory group may be given a role in monitoring State compliance with the requirements of deinstitutionalization of status and non-offenders and separation of juveniles from adults; and

WHEREAS, such an advisory group can play an important and beneficial role reviewing and commenting on the State's juvenile justice and delinquency prevention needs and programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish a Juvenile Justice Advisory Group.

The Group shall be constituted as follows:

Membership

Consistent with PL 93-415, Sec. 223(a) (3), the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group shall consist of not less than twenty-one and not more than thirty-three representatives from the following interests:

- A. Representatives of units of local government, law enforcement and juvenile justice agencies including:
  - (i) Law enforcement, corrections or probation personnel,
  - (ii) Juvenile court judges;
  
- B. Representatives of public agencies concerned with delinquency prevention or treatment such as welfare, social services, mental health, education or youth services departments;

- C. Representatives of private organizations concerned with delinquency prevention or treatment; concerned with neglected or dependent children; concerned with the quality of juvenile justice, education or social services for children;
- D. Representatives of public/private agencies which utilize volunteers to work with delinquents or potential delinquents;
- E. Representatives of community-based delinquency prevention or treatment programs;
- F. Representatives of business groups and businesses employing youth;
- G. Representatives of or youth workers involved with alternative youth programs;
- H. Representatives with special experience and competency in addressing the problems of school violence and vandalism;
- I. Representatives with special experience with the problems of learning disabilities;

In addition, a majority of members (including the Chairperson) shall not be full-time employees of the Federal, State or local government. Also at least one-third of the members shall be under the age of 26 at the time of appointment, at least three of whom shall have been or shall currently be under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system.

#### Administration

Pursuant to the provisions of PL 93-415, Sec. 223(a) (3), the performance of the responsibilities of the Governor relating to provision of staff and support are hereby delegated to the Director of the Maine Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency, who shall appoint such staff as he may deem necessary to carry out the purposes of this Executive Order. The Maine Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency shall be the fiscal agent of the advisory group.

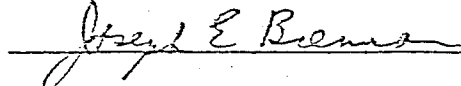
#### Responsibilities

The overall responsibility of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group shall be to participate in the development of the State's juvenile justice plan and to review and comment on all juvenile justice and delinquency prevention grant applications to MCJPAA.

In addition, the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group shall:

1. advise the MCJPAA, its Board of Directors, the Governor and the Legislature on matters related to juvenile justice,
2. monitor State compliance with the requirements of deinstitutionalization of status and non-offenders and separation of juveniles from adults,
3. advise on MCJPAA Supervisory Board composition,
4. develop more effective education, training, research, prevention, diversion, treatment and rehabilitation programs in the area of juvenile delinquency and improvement of the juvenile justice system and,

5. review the progress and accomplishments of juvenile justice and delinquency prevention projects funded under the State plan.



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JOSEPH E. BRENNAN