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**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE
MAINE CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS CENTER**

WHEREAS, the collection and maintenance of quality data informs and improves decisions concerning the direction and delivery of criminal justice programs and services; and

WHEREAS, there is a continual need for accurate and timely analysis and dissemination of criminal justice data which can assist state and local criminal justice agencies in developing informed strategies and programs to address crime and crime related issues; and

WHEREAS, these criminal justice programs and strategies should reflect current research on most effective practices and be subject to ongoing evaluation; and

WHEREAS, Maine's criminal justice agencies and the Maine Criminal Justice Information System would benefit from a collaborative approach to data collection and research efforts with the State's university system; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections has applied for and received a federal grant that expects formal departmental collaboration with the State's university system to carry out this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the former Maine Criminal Justice Data Center (MCJDC), which was created by Executive Order in 1987, and which has completed its purpose and no longer functions, serves as an appropriate model for such a formal collaboration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Angus S. King, Jr., hereby establish the Maine Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center ("Center") as follows:

1. Purpose and Charge

The Center shall serve as a clearinghouse for data collection, perform an array of statistical analyses, and compile and conduct research on effective practices for the criminal justice system in Maine and the Department of Justice of the United States, to the extent the information is useful.

2. Membership

Members of the Center shall include representatives of the following agencies: The Department of Public Safety; the Administrative Office of the Court; the Maine Criminal Justice Commission; the Department of Corrections; and the University of Southern Maine Muskie Institute for Public Sector Innovation ("Institute"). Members of the Center shall serve without compensation. Members generally will be responsible for providing advice and direction to the Department of Corrections and the Institute on the Center's organizational activities and in particular with respect to:

- a. Development of a mission and organizational structure that will maximize the Center's effectiveness as a resource to state criminal justice agencies and other stakeholders;
- b. Identification and recruitment of staff, including a director;
- c. Recommendation of future projects that will benefit state criminal justice agencies and other stakeholders; and
- d. Other matters relevant to the Center's purpose, as appropriate.

3. Functions and Duties

The Department of Corrections shall administer the Center, and work in collaboration with the Institute. The Center shall perform the following tasks:

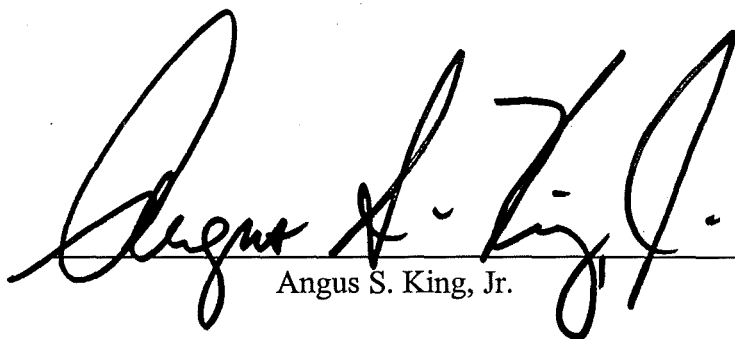
- a. Collect and analyze relevant data for the Maine criminal justice system;
- b. Conduct research in response to problems or issues identified by the Governor, the Legislature or state criminal justice agencies, and in response to federal requests for state based research;
- c. Establish and maintain procedures to protect information about criminal history research as appropriate and to the extent required by law;
- d. Apply for and administer federal grants and other public and private grants that support its identified priorities and objectives; and
- e. Promote a research based approach to addressing issues of crime in Maine that includes, where appropriate, the expertise and resources of the State's institutions of higher education.

4. Funding

The Center has received and will utilize funds from a U.S. Department of Justice grant and may use, if necessary, other federal, state or private funds as may be available in the future.

5. Effective Date

The effective date of this Executive Order is November 5, 1999. Executive Order Number 3 FY 82/83, July 27, 1982, is hereby superceded and replaced.



Angus S. King, Jr.