

Title 2: Legislature

Chapter 23: Joint Legislative Corrections Oversight Committee

§ 801. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

(a) There is created a joint legislative corrections oversight committee whose membership shall be appointed each biennial session of the general assembly. The committee shall exercise oversight over the department of corrections and work with and provide assistance to other legislative committees on matters related to corrections policies.

(b) The committee shall be composed of 10 members: five members of the house of representatives, who shall not all be from the same party, appointed by the speaker of the house; and five members of the senate, who shall not all be from the same party, appointed by the committee on committees. In addition to one member-at-large appointed from each chamber, one appointment shall be made from each of the following house and senate committees: appropriations, judiciary, institutions, the senate committee on health and welfare, and the house committee on human services.

(c) The committee shall elect a chair, vice chair, and clerk from among its members and shall adopt rules of procedure. The chair shall rotate biennially between the house and the senate members. The committee shall keep minutes of its meetings and maintain a file thereof. A quorum shall consist of six members.

(d) When the general assembly is in session, the committee shall meet at the call of the chair. The committee may meet six times during adjournment, and may meet more often subject to approval of the speaker of the house and the president pro tempore of the senate.

(e) For attendance at a meeting when the general assembly is not in session, members of the committee shall be entitled to compensation for services and reimbursement of expenses as provided under subsection 406(a) of this title.

(f) The professional and clerical services of the joint fiscal office and the legislative council shall be available to the committee. (Added 2005, No. 63, § 19; amended 2007, No. 64, § 5; 2007, No. 179 (Adj. Sess.), § 20.)

§ 802. DUTIES

(a) In addition to the general responsibilities set forth in subsection 801(a) of this title, the Committee shall:

(1) Review and make recommendations regarding the Department of Corrections' strategic, operating, and capital plans.

(2) Review and make recommendations to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations regarding departmental budget proposals.

(3) Provide general oversight on departmental policy development.

(4) Encourage improved communication between the department and other relevant components of the administrative branch and the criminal justice system.

(b) At least annually, the Committee shall report its activities, together with recommendations, if any, to the General Assembly. The provisions of subsection 20(d) (expiration of required reports) of this title shall not apply to the report to be made under this subsection. (Added 2005, No. 63, § 19; amended 2013, No. 142 (Adj. Sess.), § 3.)