

Sunset Advisory Commission
Board and Commission Review
Interstate Commission of Adult Offender Supervision

The Commission reviews every State board and commission and takes testimony regarding whether each board or commission should continue to operate or be eliminated and whether the powers and duties of any board or commission should be revised. Each board and commission has the burden of justifying its continued operation.

The Commission also reviews whether members of a board or commission should be entitled to a per diem and, if so, the amount of that per diem.

In testifying before the Commission, you should be able to provide the following information:

1. In general, how often does the board and commission meet? Provide specific information on how often the board or commission has met in the past two fiscal years. Provide information on where agendas and minutes of meetings can be found.

This group has not meet in the past two years. There has been historical difficulties getting a full council. We have finally have a full council this year with the appointment of Sen. Dick Sears earlier this summer. ICAOS has their Annual Business Meeting in October and I will be setting up a meeting with the Council to give a run down of the outcomes of the meeting.

2. Provide the names of members of the board or commission, their term length and expiration, their appointing authority, and the amount of any per diem they receive.

There is no per diem that has been received. The length of appointment for Gov. Scotts appointments are until 2/28/21. Unaware of the Judicial and Legislatures expiration.

The Vermont State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision is created. The State Council shall consist of six members:

(1) one member of the House of Representatives, who shall be appointed by the Speaker, and one member of the Senate, who shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees;

Sen. Sears

(2) one representative of the Judicial Branch appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;

Hon. Brian Grearson

(3) one representative of the Executive Branch appointed by the Governor;

Donna Pratt

(4) one representative of a victims group appointed by the Governor;

Jessica Dorr

(5) one individual who in addition to serving as a member of the Council shall serve as the compact administrator for this State, appointed by the Governor after consultation with the General Assembly and the Supreme Court.

Dale Crook

3. Provide an overview of the board or commission's purpose.

The State Council shall exercise oversight and advocacy concerning its participation in Interstate Commission activities and other duties as may be determined by the State Council, including development of policy concerning operations and procedures of the compact within this State.

4. Is that purpose still needed? What would happen if the board or commission no longer fulfilled that purpose?

Yes, Vermont is part of a federal compact that requires a State Council. Without the council we would be in violation of the compact and could face fines and penalties.

5. How well is the board or commission performing in executing that purpose? What evidence can you provide to substantiate that performance?

The board has been under utilized in the past as a group. There have been difficulties getting people appointment to the council. Having Judge Grearson on the council has been a great benefit as many of the issues is around sentencing and judicial decisions. Him being on the council has allowed for an avenue with Judges to help clarify and interpret the Compacts rules.

6. If the purpose is still needed, can State government be more effective and efficient if the purpose was executed in a different manner?

No the council is needed. See above #4

7. If the purpose is still needed, do any of your board or commission's functions overlap or duplicate those of another State board or commission or federal or State agency? If so, is your board or commission still the best entity to fulfill the purpose?

No.

8. Does the board or commission's enabling law continue to correctly reflect the purpose and activities of the board or commission?

Yes

9. Provide a list of the board and commission's last fiscal year expenditures including staffing costs. How are these funded?

There is no additional cost for the Council or expenditure related to the council in the last fiscal year. Other than the Senator Sears we are already employed by the state and this is just part of our duties.

10. Is the board or commission required by law to prepare any reports or studies for the Legislature, the Governor, or any State agency or officer? If so, have those reports or studies been produced? Does the board or commission have ongoing reporting obligations?

The council is not required to prepare any reports. The interstate Commission will submit an annual report regarding the ICAOS.

11. How would you measure the performance of the board or commission?

Fine, there is minimal work or activities needed by the council in Vermont. Every state has similar legislation requiring a council. In those state it plays a larger role because of their structed. In Vermont we are a unified system where Corrections, Probation, and Parole all fall under the Commissioner of Corrections and we do not have a county level of criminal justice. In many other states there will need to be coordination with Corrections, Judicial Branch, Parole Board, and Sheriffs at both the State and County level.