

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Department of the Attorney General.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding three new sections to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§28- Crime research, prevention, and education; administrator and staff. (a) The department of the attorney general shall initiate, develop, and perform or coordinate programs, projects, and activities, as determined by the attorney general, on the subject of crime, including but not limited to crime research, prevention, and education. The attorney general may:

- (1) Research, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding crime, crime prevention, and the criminal justice system to the governor, the legislature, the judiciary, criminal justice agencies, or the general public, as appropriate;
- (2) Develop and implement or coordinate statewide crime prevention programs and activities including:
 - (A) Providing crime prevention training programs for law enforcement agencies, citizens, businesses, and civic groups; and
 - (B) Assisting in the organization of crime prevention teams in communities to encourage the development of community crime prevention programs;
- (3) Develop public education programs through various broadcast or print media to provide to the general public information that will assist citizens in developing the knowledge and confidence to prevent crime and to avoid becoming victims of crime;
- (4) Establish, as deemed by the attorney general to be necessary or appropriate, citizen and government agency representative study teams to study specific crime subjects or criminal justice system problems, in order to obtain input or advice from a more specialized segment of the criminal justice or public community on those specific matters; and
- (5) Establish trust funds or accounts and receive and expend financial grants and donations for crime research, prevention, or education.

(b) The attorney general may employ, without regard to chapters 76 and 77, and at the attorney general's pleasure dismiss, an administrator and other support staff necessary for the performance or coordination of the programs, projects, and activities on the subject of crime.

§28- Criminal justice commission; establishment; composition; functions; staff. (a) There is established within the department of the attorney general, for administrative purposes only, the Hawaii criminal justice commission, consisting of seven members who shall include, to the extent practicable, representative residents of the city and county of Honolulu and the counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai. The governor shall appoint the members pursuant to section 26-34 and shall designate one of the members to be the chairperson of the commission. The chairperson shall be compensated at the rate of \$75 a day for each day's actual attendance at a meeting and each day during which the chairperson spends four or more hours on commission business. The members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses necessary for the performance of their duties, including travel expenses.

(b) The commission shall provide a mechanism for citizen and community input into governmental activities with regard to crime prevention and reduction.

The commission shall initiate, develop, and implement programs, projects, and activities on the subject of crime prevention and education. The commission also shall perform research on matters directed by the attorney general and advise the attorney general on matters referred to the commission for review or on matters of interest and concern to the residents of the members' communities.

(c) The attorney general shall assign the staff necessary for the performance of the commission's functions.

§28- Rules. The department of the attorney general may adopt, amend, or repeal rules, pursuant to chapter 91, that may be necessary or convenient for the performance of its functions. The department's rules may include general rules of practice and procedure that apply to all administrative offices, boards, and commissions placed or established within the department without the necessity of individual adoption by the administrative offices, boards, or commissions within the department."

SECTION 2. Chapter 843, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.

SECTION 3. All employees of the Hawaii criminal justice commission, as provided for under chapter 843, Hawaii Revised Statutes, prior to the effective date of this Act, are transferred to the department of the attorney general and shall continue to perform their regular duties upon their transfer, subject to the state personnel laws and this Act.

No employee of the State whose functions are transferred by this Act shall suffer any loss of salary, seniority, prior service credit, vacation, sick leave, or other employee benefit or privilege as a consequence of this Act.

SECTION 4. All appropriations, records, equipment, machines, files, supplies, contracts, books, papers, documents, maps, and other personal property heretofore made, used, acquired, or held by the Hawaii criminal justice commission shall be transferred to the department of the attorney general.

SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1989.

(Approved June 15, 1989.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.