



Legislative-Related Policies

POLICY on LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recommendation passed by CCJJ will include as much detail as possible and identify significant policy issues when possible.
2. When a recommendation requires a statutory change, DCJ will compile research, discussion points, and policy bases for the recommendation from the work of the subcommittees and discussion of CCJJ.
3. A person or group will be identified to coordinate legislative sponsors and work with the drafters to compose a bill. This person or group may come from CCJJ membership or participants on a task force or subcommittee.
4. The bill draft will be sent to the legislative committee whose role is solely to determine consistency of language between the bill draft and the CCJJ recommendation.
5. Changes to the bill as drafted will be reviewed in the following manner to determine whether the change affects the bill status as a CCJJ approved recommendation:
 - a) If there is a CCJJ meeting scheduled prior to the time a decision must be made, the issue will be raised for discussion and vote by the Commission as a whole. A simple majority will be needed to ratify the change or withdraw CCJJ support.
 - b) If there is not sufficient time for a CCJJ meeting, then the point person for the bill will contact the DCJ Director or designee serving as staff to the legislative committee. DCJ staff will engage the legislative committee in discussions in person, by e-mail, or phone conference to explain the change. The legislative committee will vote by simple majority to either maintain or withdraw CCJJ support for the bill.
 - c) If the change is occurring on an immediate basis at the legislature, the point person in attendance on behalf of CCJJ will contact 2 members of the legislative committee who have been previously identified by the chair of the legislative committee as having the authority to determine whether a change is consistent with the original CCJJ recommendation. If the change is deemed consistent by both persons, then the approved status is maintained. If both persons believe the change is inconsistent, or if there is disagreement between the 2 members, then the approval is withdrawn.



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LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE ROLE AND MEMBERSHIP

The role of the CCJJ Legislative Committee is to match the language of a bill as closely as possible with the language and intent of CCJJ recommendations. The Legislative Committee has the authority to continue or withdraw CCJJ approval regarding bills that were initiated through the CCJJ process. The role of a legislative committee member is only to determine the consistency of a bill with the original recommendation as the bill is drafted and subsequently amended. A legislative committee member shall not use this position to represent an interest group or personal agenda. All legislative committee members shall be chosen from the CCJJ membership.

The members shall be as follows:

- a) Either the Chair or Vice-chair of the CCJJ, who shall act as chair of the legislative committee;
- b) The Attorney General or his/her CCJJ designee;
- c) The State Public Defender;
- d) A representative of a local governmental entity; and,
- e) An Ad Hoc representative.

The Legislative Committee will be staffed by the DCJ Director or his/her designee.