



Task Force Updates

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Age of Delinquency Task Force

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Age of Delinquency Task Force

The Task Force was formed in February 2018

The Task Force agreed on principles and values associated with managing the juvenile population.

The Task Force identified 3 areas of focus.





Age of Delinquency Task Force

Originally Identified Areas of Focus

Examine intervention options and alternatives for 10-12 year olds who have committed an offense and may be placed in the juvenile justice system



**Addressed by
Rec. FY19-AD01:
Develop a Comprehensive
Juvenile Service Plan**

Exploring options and approaches regarding the management of emerging adults (18 – 21 year olds)



Reviewing repercussions associated with “mingling” younger (10-12 year olds) and older juveniles.



Age of Delinquency Task Force

House Bill 19-1149 Directive:

This bill directs the Age of Delinquency Task Force to compile data, review established brain research and develop recommendations regarding 18 to 24 year olds.

This recommendation will include considerations of utilizing juvenile justice system options and resources for this population.

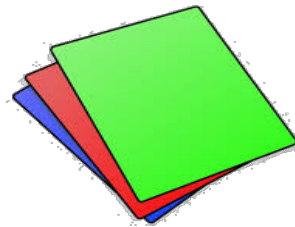
A report with recommendations will be provided by July 1, 2020 to Committees of the House and Senate.



Age of Delinquency Task Force

Work-to-date:

The Task Force has heard several presentations on brain development and trauma, gathered a significant amount of information and data regarding this emerging adult population, and received presentations regarding the operation of the Youthful Offender System and the Division of Youth Services.





Age of Delinquency Task Force

Work-to-date:

The Task Force is now discussing opportunities in the following areas:

- Meaningful information needs to be provided to decision makers at appropriate times.
- Expand eligibility in the DYS and the YOS
- Describe the impact on DYS, YOS, Probation and Community Corrections if they provided additional services to this population
- Explore a community based system for “Emerging Adults”:
 - Expand diversion or pretrial services for the 18-24-year-old population
 - Explore development of specialty courts for this population
 - Develop/expand specialized programs in probation



Pretrial Release Task Force

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Pretrial Release Task Force

The Task Force was formed in 2017 and developed 10 recommendations (policy and statutory), which were approved by CCJJ during 2018 and early 2019.

Six of the statutory recommendations were combined in House Bill 19-1226, which did not pass during the legislative session.

The Task Force decided to revisit the CCJJ recommendations and some of the elements of H.B. 19-1226, consider modifications to these recommendations, and explore additional topics related to pretrial work.



Pretrial Release Task Force

Three working groups have been created to work on the following:

- 1) Revisit original PRTF/CCJJ recommendations and review H.B.19-1226. Explore modifications and potential improvements of previous recommendations.
- 2) Examine existing pretrial data and identify opportunities to improve information at many stages of the pretrial process.
- 3) Examine opportunities to enhance judicial engagement in pretrial reform.



Pretrial Release Task Force

The Preventive Detention Working Group was created in 2018 to work on a preventive detention model.

Considerable discussion and effort has occurred and the group has resolved many issues.

The Preventive Detention Working Group is currently on hold to allow the Task Force to complete other work and to create a foundation for pretrial reform.





Senate Bill 2019-008

The bill directs the Commission to study and make recommendations concerning:

1. Alternatives to filing criminal charges against individuals with substance use disorders who have been arrested for drug-related offenses
2. Best practices regarding the investigation of unlawful opioid distribution
3. A process for automatically sealing criminal records of convictions for drug offenses.



Drug Offense Task Force

Opioid Investigations Subcommittee

- To address the SB19-008 mandates, the Commission has created a Drug Offense Task Force (Mandates #1 & #3) and an Opioid Investigations Subcommittee (Mandate #2).
- The first meetings of the Task Force and Subcommittee are scheduled to occur in September 2019.
- The Drug Offense Task Force Co-Chairs will be Tom Raynes and Megan Ring. Task Force membership is still being developed.
- The Opioid Investigations Subcommittee Chair and membership is still being developed.



QUESTIONS?