

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2021-363

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member White

Date of Introduction: June 8, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: June 9, 2021

Type of Action: Resolution establishing a county public safety coordinating council

Bill Summary: This bill is a resolution establishing a county public safety coordinating council, for the purpose of assessing the population status of all detention or correctional facilities owned or contracted by the county and formulating recommendations to ensure that the capacities of such facilities are not exceeded. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office will administer and support the public safety coordinating council.

Background Information: Section 951.26, *Florida Statutes*, requires that each county's governing body establish a county public safety coordinating council. Council recommendations may include an assessment of the availability of pretrial intervention or probation programs, work-release programs, substance abuse programs, gain-time schedules, applicable bail bond schedules, and the confinement status of the inmates housed within each facility owned or contracted by the county. The council may also develop a local public safety plan for future construction needs, and a comprehensive local reentry plan, and each must cover at least a 5-year period. The membership will be:

- a. The state attorney, or an assistant state attorney designated by the state attorney.
- b. The public defender, or an assistant public defender designated by the public defender.
- c. The chief circuit judge, or another circuit judge designated by the chief circuit judge.
- d. The chief county judge, or another county judge designated by the chief county judge.
- e. The chief correctional officer.
- f. The sheriff, or a member designated by the sheriff, if the sheriff is not the chief correctional officer.
- g. The state probation circuit administrator, or a member designated by the state probation circuit administrator, to be appointed to a 4-year term.
- h. The chairperson of the board of county commissioners, or another county commissioner as designee.
- i. If the county has such program available, the director of any county probation or pretrial intervention program, to be appointed to a 4-year term.
- j. The director of a local substance abuse treatment program, or a member designated by the director, to be appointed to a 4-year term.
- k. Representatives from county and state jobs programs and other community groups who work with offenders and victims, appointed by the chairperson of the board of county commissioners to 4-year terms.

Policy Impact Area: County public safety coordinating council

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey