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1 The Conference Committee on CS for CS for SB 2000 recommended the
2 following **amendment**:

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4 **Conference Committee Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Delete everything after the enacting clause
6 and insert:

7 Section 1. Section 921.0019, Florida Statutes, is created
8 to read:

9 921.0019 Correctional Policy Advisory Council.--

10 (1) The Correctional Policy Advisory Council is created
11 within the Legislature for the purpose of evaluating correctional
12 policies, justice reinvestment initiatives, and laws affecting or
13 applicable to corrections, and for the purpose of making findings
14 and recommendations on changes to such policy, reinvestment
15 initiatives, and laws. The council shall serve in an advisory
16 capacity to the Legislature and the Governor.



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17 (2) A Justice Reinvestment Subcommittee within the
18 Correctional Policy Advisory Council is created to review the
19 availability of alternative sanctions for low-level drug and
20 property offenders; the effectiveness of mental health and
21 substance abuse diversion programs; the effectiveness of prison
22 reentry practices; the feasibility of implementing a progressive
23 sanctions system for probationers; the impact of jail
24 overcrowding on the effectiveness of local alternative programs
25 and sanctions; the effectiveness of supervision strategies; and
26 the delivery of supervision and programs in neighborhoods that
27 have a high proportion of supervised offenders.

28 (3) Any recommended change to correctional policies,
29 justice reinvestment initiatives, or laws affecting or applicable
30 to corrections must be consistent with the following goals:

31 (a) Protecting public safety, including, but not limited
32 to, ensuring the incarceration of violent criminal offenders and
33 nonviolent criminal offenders who commit repeated acts of
34 criminal behavior and who have demonstrated an inability to
35 comply with less restrictive penalties previously imposed for
36 nonviolent criminal acts; and

37 (b) Providing for the most cost-effective and efficient use
38 of correctional resources to the extent that such use is not in
39 conflict with paragraph (a).

40 (4) (a) The council shall be composed of 10 members,
41 consisting of two members of the Senate appointed by the
42 President of the Senate; two members of the House of
43 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of
44 Representatives; one representative of the victim advocacy
45 profession, appointed by the Attorney General; the Attorney
46 General or her or his designee; and the Secretary of Corrections



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47 or her or his designee. The following members shall be appointed
48 by the Governor: one state attorney from a list of three nominees
49 recommended by the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association; one
50 public defender from a list of three nominees recommended by the
51 Public Defenders Association; and one private attorney from a
52 list of three nominees recommended by the President of The
53 Florida Bar. The chair of the council shall be selected by the
54 members for a term of 1 year.

55 (b) The chair of the council shall appoint members of the
56 council to serve in a Justice Reinvestment Subcommittee to carry
57 out the duties provided in subsection (2) and designate ex
58 officio members from state or local agencies to serve as
59 technical assistance advisors to the subcommittee.

60 (c) The council shall meet at least quarterly and other
61 meetings may be called by the chair upon giving 7 days' notice to
62 the public. The council may take public testimony.

63 (d) Members of the council shall serve without
64 compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and
65 travel expenses, which shall be paid by the appointing entity.

66 (e) The Office of Legislative Services shall provide
67 administrative staff support for the council. The Legislature's
68 Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall provide
69 technical and substantive staff support. The council staff
70 members shall consist of an executive director and any other
71 staff member determined to be necessary to the completion of the
72 council's duties, subject to appropriations. Upon request of the
73 chair of the council or the executive director, the Office of
74 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, the
75 Department of Corrections and any other state agency or
76 department, and the Office of the State Courts Administrator



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77 shall assist the council in providing necessary data collection,
78 analysis, and research.

79 (f) The chair of the council shall develop a technical
80 assistance agreement with the Justice Center of the Council of
81 State Governments to work with the Justice Reinvestment
82 Subcommittee to accomplish the review of the effectiveness of
83 correctional policies as provided in subsection (2). The
84 agreement shall include, but not be limited to, procedures for
85 the Justice Center of the Council of State Governments to access
86 the data collection, analysis, and research capabilities of the
87 agencies and offices listed in paragraph (e).

88 (5) On or before January 15 of each year, the council shall
89 provide a report of its findings and recommendations to the
90 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
91 House of Representatives. The council may provide the Legislature
92 and the Governor with additional reports of findings and
93 recommendations at any time it deems appropriate. The council may
94 integrate the recommendations of the Justice Reinvestment
95 Subcommittee in its report or may issue a separate report
96 reflecting the findings of the subcommittee.

97 (6) The President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House
98 may also direct the council to report by a certain date the
99 council's findings and recommendations regarding an issue
100 pertinent to correctional policies, justice reinvestment
101 initiatives, or laws affecting or applicable to corrections.

102 Section 2. The Correctional Policy Advisory Council shall
103 be abolished on July 1, 2011.

104 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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107 | And the title is amended as follows:

108 | Delete everything before the enacting clause
109 | and insert:

110 | A bill to be entitled
111 | An act relating to correctional policies; creating s.
112 | 921.0019, F.S.; creating the Correctional Policy Advisory
113 | Council within the Legislature and a Justice Reinvestment
114 | Subcommittee within the Correctional Policy Advisory
115 | Council; requiring the council to evaluate correctional
116 | policies, justice reinvestment initiatives, and laws
117 | affecting or applicable to corrections; requiring the
118 | subcommittee to review the effectiveness of correctional
119 | policies, including sanctioning programs for low-level
120 | drug and property offenders, mental health and substance
121 | abuse interventions, and reinvestment strategies to
122 | enhance the long-term effectiveness of correctional
123 | policies by reducing cost without negatively impacting
124 | public safety; requiring that recommendations be
125 | consistent with specified goals; providing membership of
126 | the council; providing for selection of the chair of the
127 | council; providing for an executive director and
128 | additional staff for the council, subject to
129 | appropriations; providing that members of the council
130 | serve without compensation, but are entitled to be
131 | reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses; requiring
132 | meetings and reports of findings and recommendations to
133 | the Governor and the Legislature; requiring the council's
134 | abolition by a specific date; providing an effective date.