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STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER TWENTY-FIVE

TO: Heads of all State Departments and Agencies

RE: Delaware Agency to Reduce Crime

WHEREAS, by his Executive Order Number Six of May 22, 1969, Governor Russell W. Peterson, created the Delaware Agency to Reduce Crime; and

WHEREAS, it is the Governor's goal to cut in half the rate of violent crime by 1980 and to have an intermediate goal of cutting it by 25 per cent by 1976; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for one agency to coordinate the many functions of federal, state, local and private groups and agencies for the purposes of attaining those goals; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to retain the services of professional consultants and analysts, particularly to apply systems analysis methodically to reduce crime in Delaware; and

WHEREAS, it has become desirable to enlarge the membership of the agency; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to redefine the role of the U. S. Attorney in the agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RUSSELL W. PETERSON, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby amend Executive Order of May 22, 1969, designated as Executive Order Number Six and expand its contents in the following particulars:

1. Paragraph 2 of Executive Order Number Six is amended by adding the following new ex officio members: 2 members shall be designated by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services. One of these members shall work in the area of adult corrections and the other shall work in the area of youth corrections. The listing of ex officio members is further amended by adding thereto the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety.

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2. Paragraph 3 of the prior Order is amended by striking the number 12 and substituting the number 14 therefor as it appears in that paragraph.

Paragraph 3 is further amended by adding the following new paragraph thereto.

"3A. All members shall have full voting rights on all questions brought before the Agency with the exception of the United States Attorney who shall abstain from voting on questions involving the final disposition of Federal funds. The proxy vote of an absent ex officio member shall be counted if the substitute casting the vote is an associate or employee of the absent member. A substitute shall not cast more than one proxy vote."

3. Paragraph 5 of the prior Order is amended by adding thereto the following new sentences:

"The Agency shall be responsible for assisting the Governor in stimulating and coordinating the many functions of federal, state, local and private agencies and groups toward attaining a goal of cutting in half the rate of violent crimes in Delaware by 1980 and an intermediate goal of curtailing such violent crimes by 25 per cent by 1976. The Agency shall also establish the means of measuring the rate of the violent crime and report it semi-annually to the Governor. Such coordination shall involve a two pronged attack on crime: (1) improving the effectiveness of our police, courts and correctional agencies in dealing with offenders and (2) reducing the basic causes of crime and delinquency. In connection with this coordination, the Agency is empowered and directed to retain such professional help as is necessary for the attainment of these goals. The Agency shall endeavor to make provision for the application of systems analysis to reduce crime in this State."

APPROVED This 27th day of April, 1970

Russell W. Peterson
Governor

ATTEST:

Engene Duntley
Secretary of State

