

Office of Criminal Justice Services

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- Office abolished; merged with the Department of Public Safety

OVERVIEW

Office Abolished; Division Created

Prior law created the Office of Criminal Justice Services with a director appointed by the Governor and employees appointed by the Director. The Office served as the state criminal justice services agency and performed criminal justice system planning in Ohio; collected, analyzed, and correlated information and data concerning the criminal justice system in Ohio; assisted state and local governmental agencies and entities in dealing with criminal justice services planning and problems; administered federal and state programs and funds related to criminal justice; reported to the General Assembly, Attorney General, and Governor on ways to improve the criminal and juvenile justice systems; and performed other tasks related to criminal justice services.

The enacted budget abolished the Office of Criminal Justice Services and generally transferred its personnel and functions to, and created, the Division of Criminal Justice Services in the Department of Public Safety.

For information discussing the implications of the Office's consolidation as a division within the Department of Public Safety and related funding levels in terms of the prior level of services being provided by the Office of Criminal Justice Services, the reader is referred to the analysis of Public Safety's operating budget contained in this document.