18.403 Office of criminal justice; creation; management functions; director; contractual agreements; duties of office.

Sec. 3. (1) The office of criminal justice is created within the department of management and budget. Office budget development, procurement, and related management functions shall be performed by the department of management and budget. The director of the office shall be a classified employee under the state civil service system responsible to the director of the department of management and budget. The director shall be the official authorized to enter into a contractual agreement with a federal agency and state, local, and private parties pursuant to the omnibus crime control and safe streets act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 3701 to 3796c, and the juvenile delinquency prevention act, 42 U.S.C. 3801 to 3891, and related federal laws.

(2) The office shall do all of the following:
(a) Prepare plans or applications, as required by federal or state law, based on an analysis of the state's adult and juvenile justice needs and problems in conformity with state and federal requirements.
(b) Encourage and assist state, local, and regional agencies in the development of plans or applications.
(c) Cooperate with the commission and the committee in providing technical assistance to state agencies, local units of government, or private agencies with regard to adult and juvenile justice.
(d) Apply for, contract for, receive, and expend an appropriation or grant from the state, a political subdivision of the state, the federal government, or any other source of public or private funds. The funds acquired by the office shall be expended as set forth in the appropriation or grant received.
(e) Request an audit by a federal, state, or local agency authorized to conduct a program or fiscal audit of the office or a contractor or subgrantee of the office.
(f) Enter into a contract with regional, local, and private agency officials for the performance of duties required by grants awarded under federal or state law.
(g) At the direction of the committee created in section 5, develop, propose, and implement policies, plans, applications, and programs for improving the coordination, administration, and effectiveness of the juvenile justice systems in the state.
(h) Act as an advisory body to the governor and the department of management and budget regarding criminal justice matters.
(i) Request and receive from an agency of the state, a political subdivision of the state, or a public authority the assistance, information, and data to enable the office to properly carry out its functions, duties, and powers.