

# STATE OF ARIZONA

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# EXECUTIVE ORDER

## Executive Order 2023-20

### **Continuing the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission** *(Amending and Superseding Executive Order 2020-06)*

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona is committed to protecting children and ensuring they have the resources needed to successfully thrive and not commit criminal activity; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts to keep Arizona children out of crime are important; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona recognizes the need and responsibility to ensure public safety, reduce victimization, and prevent recidivism; and

**WHEREAS**, programs that prevent juvenile delinquency or reduce recidivism for juveniles are crucial for increasing public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission was created to help address juvenile crime and related issues within the State; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (the “Commission”) shall continue to serve in an advisory capacity over the duties for which it was established as set forth in the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (JJDP), as amended by the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018 (JJRA).
2. The Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF) shall serve as the lead entity for administration of the Commission. GOYFF shall also serve as the State designee to coordinate efforts to achieve and sustain compliance with the core requirements of the JJDP and certify whether the State is in compliance with such requirements.
3. The Commission shall:
  - a. Assist in the development and review of the State’s Three-Year Plan for the JJDP Formula Grant program;
  - b. Be provided the opportunity to review Title II juvenile justice and delinquency prevention grant applications submitted to GOYFF;
  - c. Contact and seek regular input from juveniles currently under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system;
  - d. Review progress and accomplishments of projects funded under the State’s Three-Year Plan;
  - e. Serve as the State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision as required by A.R.S. § 8-361, Art. IX, the Interstate Compact for Juveniles (“Compact”). The Commission will direct Arizona’s participation in Compact activities, develop State policy concerning operations and procedures of the Compact within Arizona, and perform other duties as assigned under the Compact.

4. The Commission shall consist of no fewer than fifteen (15) members and no more than thirty-three (33) members, who shall be appointed by and serve without compensation at the pleasure of the Governor. The majority of members, including the chair and co-chair, shall not be full-time state government employees. At least 20% of Commission members shall be under the age of 28 at the time of appointment.
5. The Governor's designee(s) shall serve as Chair or Co-Chairs.
6. Commission membership shall include:
  - a. One or more locally elected officials representing local government, including at least one member of the Arizona Legislature.
  - b. Representatives of law enforcement and juvenile justice agencies, including juvenile and family court judges, prosecutors, counsel for children and youth, and/or probation workers.
  - c. Representatives of public agencies concerned with delinquency prevention or treatment, such as welfare, child and adolescent mental health, education, child and adolescent substance abuse, special education, services for youth with disabilities, recreation, and/or youth services.
  - d. Representatives of non-profit organizations, including persons with a special focus on preserving and strengthening families, parent groups and parent self-help groups, youth development, delinquency prevention and treatment, neglected or dependent children, education, the quality of juvenile justice, education, and/or social services for children.
  - e. Volunteers who work with delinquent youth or youth at risk of delinquency.
  - f. Representatives of programs serving as alternatives to incarceration, including programs providing organized recreation activities.
  - g. Persons with special experience and competence in addressing problems related to school violence and vandalism, and/or alternatives to suspension and expulsion.
  - h. Persons, licensed or certified by the State, with expertise and competence in preventing and addressing mental health and/or substance abuse needs in delinquent youth and youth at risk of delinquency.
  - i. Representatives of victim or witness advocacy groups, including at least one individual with expertise in addressing the challenges of sexual abuse and exploitation and trauma, particularly the needs of youth who experience disproportionate levels of sexual abuse, exploitation, and/or trauma before entering the juvenile justice system.
  - j. At least one representative of a tribal nation, or other individual with significant expertise in tribal law enforcement and juvenile justice in Indian tribal communities.
  - k. At least three members who have been, or are currently, under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system, or, if not feasible, three members who are the parent or guardian of someone who has been or is currently under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system.
  - l. The Interstate Compact for Juveniles Administrator or designee.
  - m. Such other members as the Governor determines are appropriate.
7. The status of the Commission will be reviewed no later than December 31, 2024 to determine appropriate action for its continuance, modification, or termination.
8. The Commission shall submit a report and necessary recommendations regarding the State's compliance with the core requirements of the JJDPa to the Governor and Legislature at least every two years. The first report will be due on December 31, 2024.
9. This Executive Order shall not confer any legal rights or remedies upon any person and shall not be used as a basis for legal challenges to any action or inaction of a State Agency, officer, employee, or agent thereof.

10. If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity does not affect any other provision or application of this Executive Order which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Executive Order are declared to be severable.

This Executive Order amends and supersedes Executive Order 2020-06.



**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized initials and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**GOVERNOR**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Twenty-Ninth day of August in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty Three and of the Independence of the United States of America the Year Two Hundred and Forty-Eighth.

**ATTEST:**

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'Adrian F...' followed by a stylized flourish.

**SECRETARY OF STATE**