

Executive Order Template

Executive Order [#] Establishing the Justice Counts Working Group

I, **[Name] Governor of the State of [State]**, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following Executive Order:

[In this portion, include relevant statistics and information about criminal justice data in your state, as pertaining to the metrics categories.]

Today we join with [#] states that have committed to better, timelier, and actionable data by establishing a Justice Counts working group. We will do this important work through a bipartisan partnership across the co-equal branches—Legislative, Judicial, and Executive—and with tribal and county-level elected and appointed leaders. [State] policymakers across these levels of government are often forced to make critical decisions about the safety of their constituents using limited or stale criminal justice data. Facing significant challenges and fiscal pressures, our leaders need up-to-date information from across the justice system, presented in a digestible way.

For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. The [Justice Counts Working Group/Council, etc.] is established.
2. [Member Name, Affiliation] will Chair the [Entity Title].
3. In addition to the Chairs, the [Entity Title] will be composed of at least 13 members appointed by the governor that represent a broad cross section of the criminal justice system. These members include:
 1. Law enforcement representative(s): _____
 2. Prosecution representative(s): _____
 3. Defense representative(s): _____
 4. Courts and pretrial representative(s): _____
 5. Jails representative(s): _____
 6. Prisons representative(s): _____
 7. Community supervision representative(s): _____
 8. Reentry representative(s): _____
 9. Behavioral health representative(s): _____
 10. Victim services representative(s): _____
 11. At large representative(s): _____
4. Vacancies on [Entity Title] will be filled by the Governor.

In collaboration with The Council of State Governments Justice Center and the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs’ Bureau of Justice Assistance, the [Entity Title] will work with criminal justice agencies to develop a process of sharing actionable data in accordance with the Justice Counts metrics on a consistent and ongoing basis. [Entity Title] will work with the CSG Justice Center as technical assistance providers to accomplish this.

This Executive Order is effective [date] and will remain in effect until rescinded [or date].

[Your state may have specific clauses or provisions that must be addressed here and vary from state to state.]

Signed on [Date].

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