



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

18-04

May 11, 2018

SUNSETTING THE GOVERNOR'S JUSTICE REINVESTMENT WORKING GROUP
AND ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S JUSTICE REINVESTMENT EXECUTIVE
OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

WHEREAS, in June 2016 the Justice Reinvestment Working Group (established pursuant to Executive Order 15-11) successfully accomplished its mandate of issuing evidence-based recommendations for cost-effective policies and legislation that address some of the most significant issues in Rhode Island's criminal justice system;

WHEREAS, the General Assembly passed omnibus Justice Reinvestment legislation in September 2017 based on recommendations from the Working Group; and

WHEREAS, upon passing the Justice Reinvestment Act, the State of Rhode Island received official recognition as a "Phase II Justice Reinvestment State" from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) in March 2018; and

WHEREAS, recognition as a "Phase II" state enables Rhode Island to apply for seed funding from BJA to support the implementation of Justice Reinvestment initiatives and policies; and

WHEREAS, successful implementation of the Justice Reinvestment Act requires input and sustained support from a diverse array of stakeholders;

SECRETARY OF STATE

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. The Justice Reinvestment Working Group established pursuant to Executive Order 15-11 is disbanded.
2. There is hereby established the Justice Reinvestment Executive Oversight Council ("Council") that shall advise the Governor on the implementation of the Justice Reinvestment Act.
3. The Council shall include the following members, or their designees, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor:
 - a. The Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court
 - b. The Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives
 - c. The President of the Rhode Island Senate
 - d. The Director of the Rhode Island Department of Corrections

The Governor may designate any other members deemed appropriate to serve on the Council.

4. The Council shall engage and solicit input from a broad and diverse range of groups, organizations, and individuals, and may designate advisory groups to recommend specific implementation protocols.
5. The Governor shall take the Council's recommendations into consideration when applying for seed funding from BJA.
6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

So Ordered:



Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Dated: 5/11/18