

Department of Public Safety and Executive Order 133

Senate Judiciary Committee

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Department of Public Safety

Duties of the Commissioner as outlined in Alaska Statute (AS) 12.62.110

- To develop and operate a criminal justice information system to serve as the state's central repository of criminal history record information
- To cooperate with other agencies of the state, the criminal record repositories of other states, the national repository maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and other appropriate systems to:
 - Develop and operate effective interstate, national, and international systems of criminal identification, records, and statistics



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Statutory and Regulatory Requirements

The department maintains and operates the state's criminal history repository based on statutory and regulatory requirements:

- AS 12.62.120. Reporting of criminal justice information
- AS 12.62.150. Completeness, accuracy, and security of criminal justice information
- AS 12.62.160. Release and use of criminal justice information
- AS 12.62.170. Correction of criminal justice information
- AS 12.62.180. Sealing of criminal justice information
- AS 12.62.190. Purging of criminal justice information



Executive Order (EO) 133

Governor Dunleavy issued EO 133 on January 15, 2024, to transfer the duties of the Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board (CJIAB) to the Department of Public Safety (DPS)

- Amends AS 12.62 by adding a new section, AS 12.62.105, requiring DPS to advise criminal justice agencies on matters pertaining to the development and operation of the central repository
 - DPS is currently undertaking a criminal justice information system project to replace the central repository and associated systems; advising all stakeholders of the project and providing routine updates regarding the project



Executive Order (EO) 133

- Amends AS 12.62.100 by removing subsection two and the requirement for the DPS Commissioner to consult with the CJIAB regarding the department's criminal justice information systems
- Amends AS 12.62.120(a) by removing the requirement for the DPS Commissioner to consult with the CJIAB regarding which criminal justice agencies are responsible for reporting information to the central repository
- Amends AS 12.62.150(c) by removing the requirement for DPS to provide an audit report to the CJIAB
- Repeals AS 12.62.100 establishing the CJIAB, and AS 12.62.900(3) defining the CJIAB



CJIAB: Ineffective and Duplicative

- The CJIAB last met on October 15, 2019
 - Only four meetings have been held since 2014
- The department has an agreement with the FBI and is designated as the criminal justice information services agency (CSA) for Alaska
 - Requires the department to ensure standards are established for criminal justice information systems in Alaska
 - The department and the FBI conduct audits to ensure compliance, which requires training and ongoing communication with criminal justice agencies



Other Criminal Justice Advisory Groups

- The Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission
- The Criminal Justice Working Group
- Alaska's Multi-Agency Justice Integration Consortium
- Various national working groups for improving criminal justice information systems
 - FBI Advisory Policy Board
 - The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics (SEARCH)



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Criminal Justice Information Data Sharing

- Interoperability between the department's central repository and several state and local criminal justice agencies
- Informal and formal data sharing agreements in place
- Internal and external audits are conducted on the department's central repository



EO 133 Benefits in Summary

- Streamlined operations
- Continued expertise and communication
- Board inactivity
- No increase in workload
- Developed communication strategies
- Cost efficiency
- Enhanced accountability



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Thank you!

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