

## **Louisiana Streamlining Commission**

### **Suggested Recommendations to Advisory Committee Chairmen**

Preamble:

The following comments on this cover sheet have been prepared at the Mercatus Center by Hon. Maurice McTigue. The purpose of the analysis was to identify issues that the committee might pursue and finally develop into recommendations to the full commission.

- The suggested recommendations are based on very limited information and the committee's local knowledge may determine that the suggestions are not viable. In that case the Committee should discard the suggested recommendation.
- If the Committee thinks the suggestion has merit then they should refer it to officials for their analysis.
- Some of our suggestions may be recommending a practice that is already in place, in which case the recommendation may be put aside or may be worded to endorse that practice or to extend it further than is the current practice.

#### **Department of Public Safety and Corrections**

- There should be some benchmarking of offence rates, recidivism rates and incarceration rates against other jurisdictions.
- There should also be some benchmarking of different cost outcomes against other jurisdictions to identify more efficient practices.

#### **Savings: Total Budget \$501.616 million**

- Savings of any magnitude in this appropriation are probably only going to come from a reform of the criminal code.
- Some contracting out of services and facilities could give some significant cost savings.



The Streamlining Government Commission would appreciate your assistance by having you complete the following worksheet. We understand that some of this information is available online and possibly in other documents, but we believe that it is important that you provide this data to ensure that you know what the Commission is reviewing regarding your Department, Agency, or Office. In order to review and compile the data before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission, please complete and return these worksheets to [prathert@legis.state.la.us](mailto:prathert@legis.state.la.us) by September 8, 2009. Thank you for your cooperation.

Department name:

Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections—Corrections Services

State in one sentence the core business of your department:

The mission of Corrections Services is to enhance public safety through the safe and secure incarceration of offenders, effective probation/parole supervision and proven rehabilitative strategies that successfully reintegrate offenders into society, as well as to assist individuals and communities victimized by crime.

For each program managed by your agency, provide the following information. Please limit your answers for each program to ***no more than half a page*** and simply write ***“unknown”*** next to each program question you are unable to answer.

- **Program name: Adult Correctional Institutions (Incarceration, Health Services, Diagnostic, and Canteen)**
- **Outcome addressed by this program: The safe and secure incarceration of offenders and preparing the offender for reentry into society**
- **How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program: This is a public safety issue that affects all citizens of Louisiana. There are currently over 38,000 offenders sentenced to the Department of Corrections.**
- **How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08): \$392,397,369**
- **Measure used to determine success: Recidivism Rate, Offender on Offender Assaults, Offender on Staff Assaults, Escapes at Large**
- **Level of success during each of the last three years: Recidivism Rate: 48.1%, 47.6%, and 46.6%. Over that last three years, DPS&C-CS has consistently ranked first or second in the southern region with the lowest incidences of assaults and with ZERO escapes at large**
- **The societal issue addressed by this program is getting *better*, *remaining static*, or *deteriorating*: Getting Better**

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- **Program name: Rehabilitation and Reentry Services**
  - **Outcome addressed by this program: Preparing an offender for reentry into society**
  - **How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program: This is a public safety issue that affects all citizens of Louisiana. There are currently over 38,000 offenders sentenced to the Department of Corrections.**
  - **How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08): \$5,403,131**
  - **Measure used to determine success: Recidivism**
  - **Level of success during each of the last three years: Recidivism Rate: 48.1%, 47.6%, and 46.6%.**

- The societal issue addressed by this program is getting *better, remaining static, or deteriorating*: Getting Better
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- Program name: Probation and Parole
- Outcome addressed by this program: The safe and secure supervision of adjudicated adult offenders through enforcement and community based programs designed to facilitate the offender's adjustment and reintegration into society.
- How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program: This is a public safety issue that affects all citizens of Louisiana. There are currently about 64,000 offenders on either probation or parole
- How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08): \$63,681,161
- Measure used to determine success: Recidivism
- Level of success during each of the last three years: Recidivism Rate: 48.1%, 47.6%, and 46.6%.
- The societal issue addressed by this program is getting *better, remaining static, or deteriorating*: Getting Better

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- Program name: Corrections Administration
  - Outcome addressed by this program: Administrative support to the correctional institutions and probation and parole.
  - How many members of the public are directly involved in or affected by this program: Unknown
  - How much money was expended on this program in the last fiscal year (The most recent data available are acceptable even if they are from FY 07-08): \$40,215,228
  - Measure used to determine success: Units with American Correctional Association (ACA) Accreditation

- **Level of success during each of the last three years: All aspects of the department are ACA accredited**
  - **The societal issue addressed by this program is getting *better, remaining static, or deteriorating*: Remaining Static**
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