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STATE OF TENNESSEE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR

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NO. 47

TEMPORARY

AN ORDER TO CREATE A TENNESSEE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
STATISTICAL ANALYSIS CENTER WITHIN THE
TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WHEREAS, it is important that policy decisions concerning criminal justice policy be based on accurate and comprehensive data; and

WHEREAS, until the implementation of the statewide computer systems within the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Tennessee had few sources of sound criminal justice statistics and has had a need for additional, meaningful analysis of such statistics; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide policy makers with accurate and comprehensive data on matters related to criminal justice policy, a statistical analysis center is needed to coordinate the criminal justice data base and to analyze such data; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-1-110 authorizes the Governor to "designate an agency to coordinate the gathering, analysis and dissemination of state and local criminal justice agency statistics for the purpose of providing the Governor, General Assembly, and state and local criminal justice agencies with relevant and timely criminal justice data and information"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 10 charges the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation to "establish a system of intrastate communication of vital statistics and information relating to crime, criminals, and criminal activities" and further charges all appropriate agencies to submit necessary reports to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation was created by Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 6 as "a separate department of state government" thereby providing the necessary degree of objectivity, independence and visibility; and

WHEREAS, federal funding for the establishment of criminal justice statistical analysis centers within the states is available;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ned McWherter, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and the laws of Tennessee, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. The Tennessee Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center is hereby established within the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is authorized to make application for federal funding for the initial implementation of said statistical analysis center.

2. There is hereby established the Tennessee Criminal Justice Statistical Advisory Board which shall oversee the operation of the Tennessee Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center. The Tennessee Criminal Justice Statistical Advisory Board shall consist of:

- a. a representative of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation to be appointed by the Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation;
- b. a representative from the Tennessee Department of Safety to be appointed by the Commissioner of Safety;
- c. a representative of the Tennessee Department of Correction to be appointed by the Commissioner of Correction;
- d. a representative from the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference to be appointed by the Board of that conference;

- e. a representative from the Tennessee Board of Pardons to be appointed by the Chairman of that Board;
 - f. a representative from the Tennessee court system to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court;
 - g. a representative from the Tennessee Sheriffs Association to be appointed by that association's Board;
 - h. a representative from the Tennessee Police Chiefs Association to be appointed by the Board of that association;
 - i. a University Criminal Justice Program Professor to be appointed by the Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation;
 - j. the Executive Director of the Tennessee State Planning Office or his designee.
 - k. chairperson of the Tennessee Sentencing Commission or her designee;
- Members of the Advisory Board shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities.
- 3. The Tennessee Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center shall perform a data needs and assessment survey, form a technical assistance pool from members of the Advisory Board and shall create and convene the Tennessee Criminal Justice Statistical Association.
 - 4. The Tennessee Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center may undertake such action as is appropriate to assess, develop, and coordinate the compilation of criminal justice statistics. The Center may review and assess the role and relationships of state and local

- government relative to the compilation of criminal justice statistics; make recommendations relative to the coordination of efforts of state and local government, compile criminal justice statistics; serve as a clearinghouse for the compilation and dissemination of criminal justice statistics; assess criminal justice statistical needs at the state and local level and develop recommendations, initiatives and strategies relative to the creation of an overall statewide system for gathering and compiling criminal justice statistics; and make annual recommendations to the General Assembly for such legislation as may be necessary to provide for, promote and streamline the gathering and compilation of criminal justice statistics.
5. The Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation shall designate an appropriate individual to be in charge of the day to day operation of the Tennessee Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center.
 6. The Tennessee Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center shall only undertake those projects approved by the Tennessee Criminal Justice Statistical Advisory Board.
 7. The Tennessee Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center shall follow all the applicable rules, regulations, and guidelines promulgated by the Tennessee Crime Information Center and the Information Systems Council.
 8. The members of the Tennessee Criminal Justice Statistical Advisory Board shall serve without pay, but may receive travel reimbursement for mileage, food and lodging in accordance with the State Comprehensive Travel

Regulations as lawfully promulgated by the
Department of Finance and Administration
and approved by the State Attorney General.

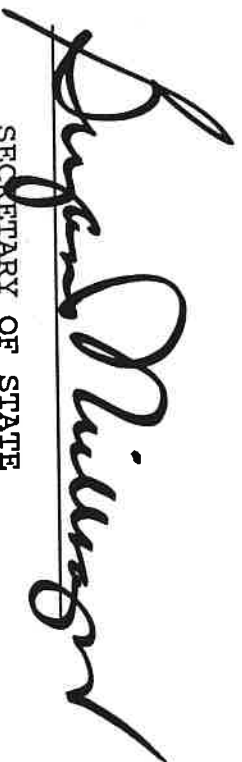
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and

caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed

this 22nd day of March, 1991.



GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE