

13-705.

(A) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION:

(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION; BUT

(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL SET THE TIMES AND PLACES OF ITS MEETINGS.

(C) THE COMMISSION MAY EMPLOY ~~AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND~~ A STAFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

13-706.

(A) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 1995, THE COMMISSION MAY SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN INTERIM REPORT ON ITS ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING ANY PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS.

(2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 1996, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, A MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE STATE COURT SYSTEM THAT INCLUDES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATUTORY AND PROCEDURAL CHANGES NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE STATEMENT.

(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL RECOMMEND WAYS TO:

(1) COORDINATE AND PROMOTE FAIR AND EFFICIENT CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEMS AND TO CREATE INNOVATIVE AND EFFECTIVE MECHANISMS TO DEAL WITH CRIMES BY JUVENILES;

(2) INCORPORATE MODERN COURT ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES DESIGNED TO REDUCE THE COST AND TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM, SUCH AS DIFFERENTIATED CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND APPROPRIATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION OF CIVIL CASES;

(3) CONSIDER MORE EXPEDITIOUSLY AND MORE PROMPTLY ~~DISPOSE~~ OF RESOLVE FAMILY-RELATED CASES ON A PRIORITY BASIS, WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON PROVIDING COURT-RELATED SOCIAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEGAL NEEDS OF FAMILIES AND CHILDREN;

(4) ENSURE THAT THE SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF JUDGES, PROSECUTORS, CLERKS, AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM IS CONDUCTED FAIRLY, BASED ON MERIT, AND DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE DIVERSITY;

(5) PROTECT THE JURY SYSTEM AND PRESERVE ITS INDEPENDENCE;  
AND

(6) PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATE FUNDING OF THE COURT SYSTEM AND RELATED AGENCIES.