



Legislation Text

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Item Title & Description:

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A bill for an ordinance amending Division 11, Article VIII of Chapter 2 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code to update procedures and transfer governance of the Crime Prevention and Control Commission from the Department of Public Health and Environment to the Department of Safety.

Amends Chapter 2 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code to update procedures and powers and duties, and transfer governance of the Crime Prevention and Control Commission from the Department of Public Health and Environment to the Department of Safety. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 6-29-22.

Affected Council District(s) or citywide? Citywide

Executive Summary with Rationale and Impact:

Detailed description of the item and why we are doing it. This can be a separate attachment.

The Crime Prevention and Control Commission (CPCC) was [formed by ordinance](https://www.denvergov.org/content/dam/denvergov/Portals/771/documents/CH/cpcc/CPCC_PublishedOrdinance_12-19-18.pdf) in 2005. Since then, the commission has worked to develop and implement a variety of programs to decrease the use of the jail and reduce recidivism. In 2018, City Council expanded the role of the Commission to include a behavioral health element - specifically identifying the "extent to which addressing behavioral health needs may affect those who become involved in the justice system

before, during and after systems' involvement" (§ 2-255.54 (c)). Additionally, the Commission is charged with fostering "innovation and alternatives in the criminal justice system and to provide initial funding opportunities for projects that advance these ideals" (§ 2-255.54 (l)).

According to the ordinance, "the legislative intent of this division is to implement an evidence-based, accountable, and efficient public safety strategy to reduce crime, including juvenile delinquency, and to increase neighborhood safety. To that end, the council establishes a crime prevention and control commission which shall have the following purposes:

1. To reduce crime, partly by reducing criminal recidivism;
2. To facilitate coordination among justice system agencies;
3. To support the development of a data-driven criminal justice system that offers a range of evidence-based sanctions and programs;
4. To facilitate the development of information technology and data necessary for effective criminal justice policy development, jail population management, and evaluation of sanctions and programs to hold offenders accountable;
5. To facilitate efficient use of jail space by encouraging alternatives, where appropriate; and

In 2021, the CPCC Ordinance Review Subcommittee was formed to review the ordinance to establish clarity, and offer recommendations to the entire Commission and the Mayor's Office for revisions to the ordinance. Those recommendations include:

- Funding
- Deletion of mandated leadership elected by members
- Home department and input: Staffing
- Procedures, Bylaws and Guidelines

Ordinance Revision Process and Support:

- Developed & reviewed by CPCC sub-committee
- Approved by the full CPCC
- DOS and DDPHE Executive Directors reviewed and approve of the changes
- BMO provided guidance for requests for funding
- CAO provided legal guidance regarding appropriation of funds
- Modified language is in compliance with City Charter

Address/Location (if applicable):

Legal Description (if applicable):

Denver Revised Municipal Code (D.R.M.C.) Citation (if applicable):

Draft Bill Attached? Yes