An Act relating to criminal procedure; creating the Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission; providing for membership; designating chair of the Commission; providing for the election of a vice-chair; stating quorum of membership and meeting requirements; providing for travel reimbursement; requiring adherence to Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; stating duties of the Commission; directing submission of report to Legislature; providing staff for the Commission; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1801 of Title 22, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission. The Commission shall be composed of the following twelve (12) members:
1. The Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma or designee;
2. The Commissioner for the Oklahoma Department of Mental
Health and Substance Abuse Services or designee;
3. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections or
designee;
4. The Executive Coordinator of the District Attorneys Council
or designee;
5. The Administrative Director of the Administrative Office of
the Courts or designee;
6. The Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs or
designee;
7. The Director of the Department of Human Services or
designee;
8. The Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise
Services or designee;
9. The Cabinet Secretary for Safety and Security or designee;
10. The President of the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association or
designee;
11. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Indigent Defense
System or designee; and
12. One member appointed by the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma
Supreme Court who is a licensed attorney with private or government
criminal defense experience.
B. The Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma shall serve as the chair of the Commission. Members of the Commission shall elect from their membership a vice-chair. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting the business of the Commission. The Commission shall meet at least quarterly and at such other times as may be called by the chair.

C. Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for serving on the Commission but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

1. State employees who are members of the Commission shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

2. All other members of the Commission shall be reimbursed by the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

D. The meetings of the Commission shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

E. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission shall study, evaluate and make recommendations concerning the creation of diversion programs in Oklahoma including, but not limited to, alternative sentencing, supervision and treatment options for defendants who commit simple possession crimes. The Commission
shall also study, evaluate and make recommendations regarding all
criminal justice reform measures and legislation proposed.

F. The Commission shall prepare a report of its findings and
recommendations to be submitted to the Legislature no later than
February 1, 2020, and each year thereafter by no later than the
first day of February.

G. Staffing for the Commission shall be provided by the
Oklahoma State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 02/13/2019 - DO
PASS, As Amended.