



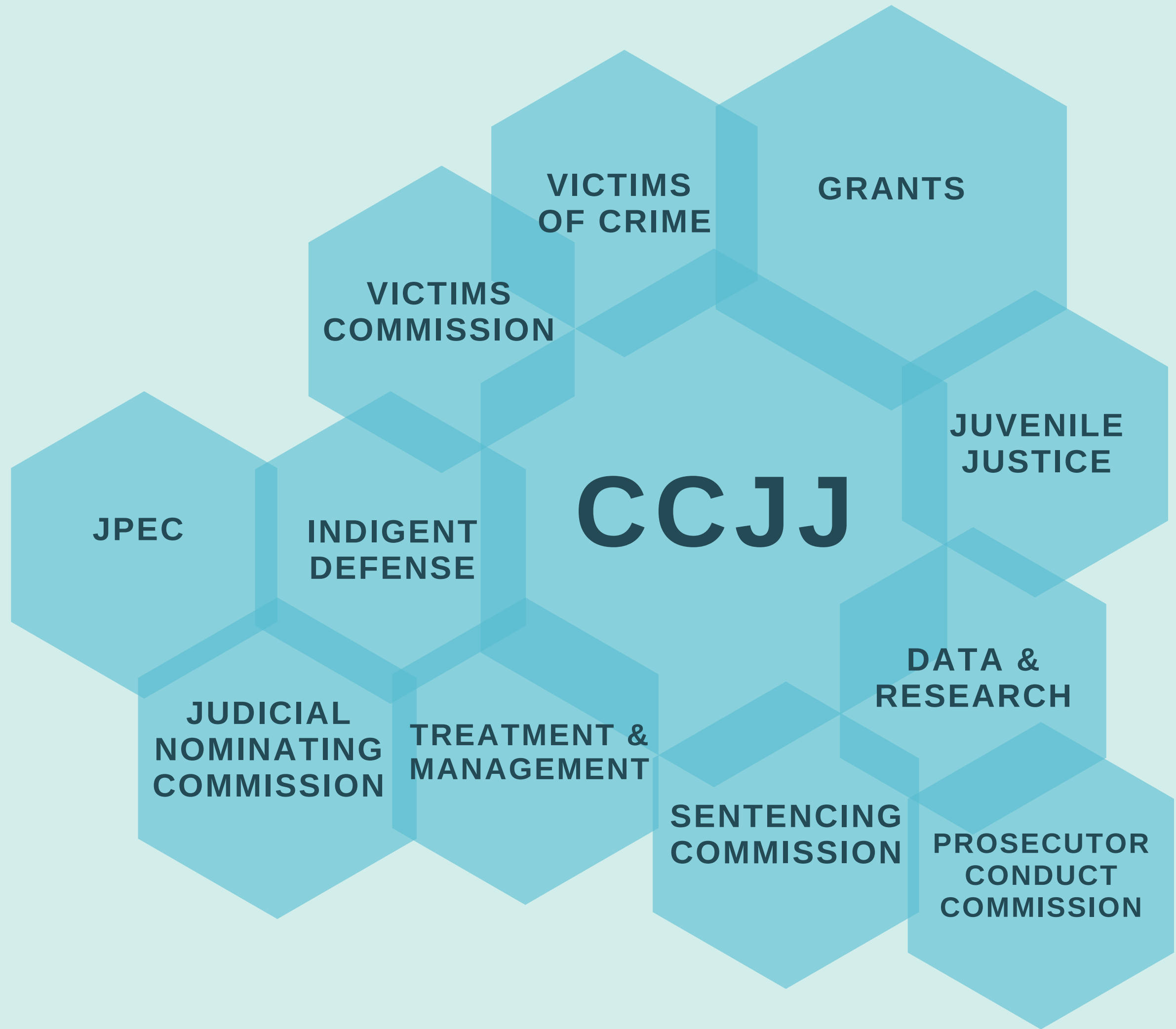
# Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice

SB 323

# The Problem

CCJJ, founded in 1983 to handle federal funding and one commission, has simply outgrown its structure. The piecemeal addition of new duties has created a disjointed organization that can't effectively manage today's competing demands.





# Justification - 1

CCJJ's executive director currently oversees 12 boards and commissions within the agency, and is assigned to over a dozen other commissions, boards, task forces, and committees throughout the state. There is a need for continued collaboration without spreading one person's role too thin. Restructuring will allow deputy commissioners and other agency staff to collaborate with these groups, with the commissioner taking a direct role as appropriate to fulfill state priorities.

# Justifications - 2 & 3

- Budget structure between CCJJ, JPEC, UOVC and IDC is currently disorganized. A restructure would align the budgets and allow consolidation of financing practices.
- Restructure allows agency to be more responsive to governor and legislative requests that are separate from the voice of the stakeholder groups. Example: the governor's executive order on the criminal justice strategy and HB 353.

# Justification - 4

CCJJ's executive director is currently accountable both to the commissions and the governor's office, which can create confusion and some difficulty for both groups. Restructuring will create a new commissioner position with autonomy to represent the governor and work with the legislature on state priorities. The CCJJ executive director will continue to directly speak for the commissions separately from the governor's office.

# Justification - 5

CCJJ staff is currently accountable to the CCJJ commission, but is also assigned various statutory responsibilities separate from the commission. The restructure will clarify roles so agency staff can carry out its data collection and reporting requirements that do not require commission oversight. Agency staff will still share data and reports with the commissions to inform their work.

# The Solution

Implement a comprehensive agency restructure to streamline operations and create independent leadership positions accountable to the governor and the legislature. This change is critical to ensure we can properly inform the governor and policymakers about the impact of justice system changes through data and research while maintaining operational efficiency for services provided.

# The Proposal

- Create a commissioner and two deputy commissioner positions
- Improve oversight of commissions, legislative process, agency operations and finance
- Due to the anticipated tight fiscal year 2027 budget, we are not requesting any new funding for this proposal

# Department of Criminal Justice

## Commissioner

### Deputy Commissioner Budget and Operations

- Utah Office of Victims of Crime
- Finance
- Research
- Data
- Grants
- Extraditions
- Safe at Home
- Governor's Initiatives

### Deputy Commissioner Policies and Commissions

- Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
- Indigent Defense Commission
- Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission
- Victim Services Commission
- Sentencing Commission
- Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee
- Offender Management
- Prosecutor Conduct Commission
- Judicial Nominating Commissions