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Amend the bill in section 7 in §1671 in subsection 1 in the 2nd line (page 4, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "shall" and inserting the following: 'may'

Amend the bill in section 7 in §1671 in subsection 1 in the last line (page 4, line 14 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: " "the committee." " the following: 'Only a county that establishes or participates as a member of a criminal justice planning committee may apply for funds from the Community Corrections Incentive Fund distributed pursuant to Title 34-A, section 1210-C.'

Amend the bill in section 7 in §1671 by inserting after subsection 4 the following:

**5. Collaboration.** Regardless of how a criminal justice planning committee is established pursuant to subsection 1, a county may collaborate with another county or counties with which it has not formed a committee to work together to seek grants or establish community corrections programs or initiatives.'

Amend the bill in section 8 in §1209-A in subsection 2 by inserting after paragraph A the following:

**B. The Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee;**'

Amend the bill in section 8 in §1209-A in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraph G (page 6, line 7 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**G. A representative of a statewide municipal association nominated by the association and appointed by the Governor; and**'

Amend the bill in section 8 in §1209-A in subsection 2 by relettering the paragraphs to read consecutively.

Amend the bill in section 13 in §1210-C in the last line (page 10, line 25 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "practices." the following: 'Only a county that establishes or participates as a member of a criminal justice planning committee under Title 30-A, section 1671 may apply for grants distributed pursuant to this section.'

Amend the bill by striking out section 16 and inserting the following:

**Sec. 16. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

## **CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**

### **Community Corrections Incentive Fund N028**

Initiative: Provides a base allocation to establish the nonlapsing Community Corrections Incentive Fund to be administered by the Department of Corrections.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
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<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**SUMMARY**

This amendment clarifies that counties are not mandated to form criminal justice planning committees; however, when grants are available under the Community Corrections Incentive Fund, only those counties who have formed or have become part of a planning committee will be eligible to apply for such grants. The amendment also clarifies that, regardless of how a criminal justice planning committee is established or formed, a county may also collaborate with another county or counties with which it has not formed a planning committee in order to work together to seek grants or establish community corrections programs or initiatives. The amendment adds the Commissioner of Public Safety to the membership of the State Sentencing and Corrections Practices Coordinating Council and requires that the representative of a statewide municipal association on the council be nominated by the association and then appointed by the Governor. Finally, the amendment replaces the appropriations and allocations section in the bill for the Community Corrections Incentive Fund.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)