



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

150 South Main Street • Providence, RI 02903

(401) 274-4400

TDD (401) 453-0410

RECEIVED

JUL 14 2010

Patrick C. Lynch, Attorney General

July 13, 2010

John J. Hardiman
Public Defender
160 Pine Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: Public Laws of 2010 – Chapters 165 (2010 H-7570 Substitute A) and 169
(2010 S-2315 Substitute A)

Dear John:

I am in receipt of your letter regarding the enactment of the above-referenced legislation, and look forward to working with the Public Defender and other members of the task force created by the legislation.

In reviewing the legislation as enacted, I noted with concern that although a task force is created, there is no process identified to formulate such a group, to call the task force into session, or to fund the costs inherent in the group's operation. Although those costs should not be prohibitive, this issue is one that we should address.

In order to have the best chance of this project succeeding in an orderly way, with the support of the diverse groups identified by the General Assembly as task force members, I suggest that your office and this office work cooperatively to call an initial meeting of the task force, and that in advance of that meeting, we meet to identify and address the logistical issues that we will need to address in relatively short order in order to meet the timeline set by the legislation.

I am available at your convenience if you wish to proceed in this manner.

Very truly yours,

Gerald J. Coyne
Deputy Attorney General