



JOHN R. KASICH
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

Executive Order 2018-10K

Establishing a Permanent National Instant Criminal Background Check System (“NICS”) Compliance Working Group

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2018, I signed Executive Order 2018-03K, National Instant Criminal Background Check System (“NICS”) Compliance; and

WHEREAS, the executive order asked the Office of Criminal Justice Services (“OCJS”), within the Ohio Department of Public Safety (“ODPS”) to reconvene a 2015 NICS Working Group and to publish a report with recommended steps, procedures, policies, or proposed legislation to eliminate any remaining barriers or hurdles to the timely and complete reporting and uploading of NICS data; and

WHEREAS, the NICS 2015 Working Group, which consisted of OCJS, the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (“BCI”) within the Ohio Attorney General’s Office and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“OMHAS”), was expanded to include local public officials and associations that represent public entities with responsibilities to report NICS data; and

WHEREAS, the new, NICS 2018 Working Group, published *2018 Report: The State of NICS in Ohio* on August 27, 2018; and

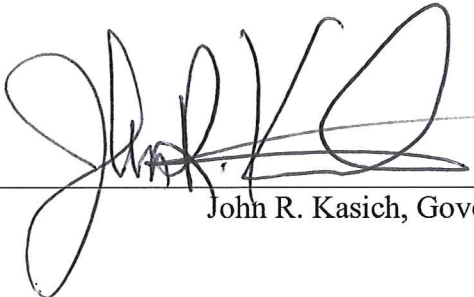
WHEREAS, one of the recommendations contained within the 2018 Report was that the Working Group continue to meet so that recommendations of the Group could be developed and monitored, and that any future developments in NICS reporting and compliance could be addressed within a comprehensive strategic vision that is shared by stakeholders.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio, do hereby order and direct that:

1. The **National Instant Criminal Background Check System Compliance Working Group** (the “NICS Working Group”) is hereby established. The NICS Working Group shall consist of at least one member or designee of the following:
 - a. Office of Criminal Justice Services
 - b. Supreme Court of Ohio
 - c. Bureau of Criminal Investigation
 - d. Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

- e. Ohio Clerk of Courts Association
 - f. Ohio Association of Municipal /County Court Clerks
 - g. Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police
 - h. Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association
 - i. Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association
 - j. Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission
2. In addition to the organizations and offices outlined above, any person who served on the 2018 NICS Working Group is invited to continue serving on the permanent NICS Working Group. Moreover, the permanent NICS Working Group is encouraged to seek the input or advice of any other person or organization that creates or maintains NICS data.
3. The group should meet no less than quarterly to discuss the three categories of recommendations contained in the 2018 Report, consider new recommendations, and assess the current state of NICS compliance in the state of Ohio.
4. No later than one year after the signing of this order, and every year thereafter, the group shall issue an updated report on the status of the 2018 recommendations as well as propose any new steps, procedures, or legislation developed over the course of the previous year. The annual report shall be sent to the Governor, Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, and the Ohio Attorney General.

I signed this order on September 24, 2018, in Columbus, Ohio and it will not expire unless it is rescinded.



John R. Kasich, Governor

ATTEST:

Jon Husted, Secretary of State