Commission on Sentencing Preliminary Draft Bills

For discussion on September 20, 2016

The bills in the table are preliminary drafts, meaning the Commission on Sentencing has not approved the language as a final draft bill. Instead, these preliminary drafts will be used to aid commission discussions and to gather public comment as the commission considers which bills, if any, it wishes to pursue as formal bill drafts recommended to the 2017 Legislature.

The preliminary bill draft numbers generally correspond with the number of the justice reinvestment policy option presented to the commission in June 2016.

Draft #	Short Title and Related Policy Option	Status	Action?
LCj001	 Revising criminal justice laws 	Preliminary draft for discussion	
	Combines elements of two policy options:		
	1. Establish the use of pretrial risk assessment tools and supervision; and		
	5. Support the creation and expansion of deferred prosecution programs		
LCj002	 Revising presentence investigation laws 	Preliminary draft for discussion	
	2. Revamp the presentence investigation report so that it is less time-intensive and more		
	structured and objective and encourages the use of evidence-based practices in sentencing.		
LCj006	 Revising drug treatment court laws 	Preliminary draft for discussion	
	6. Expand eligibility criteria for problem-solving courts.		
LCj007	Generally revising laws related to community corrections facilities	Preliminary draft for discussion	
	Combines elements of three policy options:		
	7. Focus prison and community corrections space on those who are most likely to reoffend;		
	8. Require prerelease centers to deliver more intensive evidence-based programs and treatment		
	within a shorter time period to reduce recidivism and serve more people; and		
	9. Maximize recidivism reduction by restructuring treatment facilities and focusing on higher-risk people.		

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LCj10A	 Providing for regulation and licensure of mental health peer support specialists 	Preliminary draft for discussion
	10. Fund access to behavioral health treatment and programs to reduce recidivism for people on community supervision.	
LCj011	• Revising laws related to supervision of probationers and of defendants serving a deferred or suspended sentence	Preliminary draft for discussion
	Combines elements of two policy options: 11. Focus supervision resources on people who are most likely to reoffend; and 14. Limit the term of incarceration for technical violations of conditions of probation and parole.	
LCj012	• Requesting an interim study to explore increasing access to tribal resources for tribal members who are involved in the criminal justice system	Preliminary draft for discussion
	12. Explore increasing access to tribal resources for tribal members who are in the state criminal justice system.	
LCj013	• Generally revising laws related to the board of pardons and parole	Preliminary draft for discussion
	Combines elements of two policy options:	
	13. Modernize the parole board and the parole decision-making process to ensure that the	
	board's decisions are informed, consistent, and sustainable; and	
	14. Limit the term of incarceration for technical violations of conditions of probation and parole.	
LCj016	• Generally revising the crime victims compensation act	Preliminary draft for discussion
	16. Expand eligibility for crime victim compensation benefits	

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