

Final Status of 2015-2016 Commission on Sentencing Bills

Bill #	Short Title	Description	Status
SB 59	Generally revise criminal justice laws	Establishes pretrial risk assessment and deferred prosecution grant programs and allows courts to use pretrial risk assessment information; eliminates a required report from judges or justices related to drug users; creates an oversight council to monitor and report on criminal justice legislation; creates reporting requirements for the Department of Corrections; requires the department's Quality Assurance Unit to adopt an evaluation tool to use to conduct program evaluations; requires the department to adopt an incentives/interventions grid to use for community supervision.	Enacted
SB 60	Generally revise criminal justice laws	Revises presentence investigation laws; requiring training for corrections employees on risk assessment and evidence-based practices; requiring the department to use risk and needs assessments to drive supervision and correctional practices and to validate the risk assessment tool.	Enacted
SB 61	Requiring certain facilities providing behavioral health svcs to be lic by DPHHS	Requires facilities to be licensed by the Department of Public Health and Human Services if the facility provides inpatient behavioral health treatment services and is operated by or contracts with the Department of Corrections.	Died in process (Tabled in Senate Judiciary)
SB 62	Certification for behavioral health peer support specialists	Creates a certification process for behavioral health peer support specialists through the Board of Behavioral Health.	Enacted
SB 63	Revise laws related to supervision of offenders/defendants	Revises laws related to the supervision of probationers and of defendants servicing a deferred or suspended sentence; requires the Department of Corrections to adopt an incentives/interventions grid to use for community supervision.	Enacted

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SB 64	Generally revise laws related to the board of pardons and parole	Revises the board's size and structure to make it a five-member, full-time board; requires the board to adopt structured parole guidelines and provide training; revises supervision and revocation processes.	Enacted
SB 65	Generally revise laws regarding housing options for offenders	Creates a housing policy for the state; establishes a supportive housing grant program; allows the Department of Corrections to offer rental vouchers to certain offenders and to keep data on certain offenders.	Enacted
SB 66	Generally revise the crime victims compensation act	Revises times and qualifications for claims; increases funeral benefits and adds clean up and relocation benefits.	Died in process (Tabled in Senate Judiciary)
SB 67	Generally revise offender intervention program laws	Requires Board of Crime Control to adopt statewide standards for services offered through the offender intervention program; allows grant funding to be used to develop and implement standards.	Enacted
HB 133	Generally revise sentencing laws	Revises criminal sentencing laws, including drug sentences, drug education courses, persistent felony offender designation, theft and related offenses, certain mandatory minimums, and other sentencing laws.	Enacted
HB 143	Generally revise criminal justice laws	Creates an oversight council to monitor and report on criminal justice legislation; creates reporting requirements for the Department of Corrections; requires the department's Quality Assurance Unit to adopt an evaluation tool to use to conduct program evaluations; requires the department to adopt an incentives/interventions grid to use for community supervision.	Bill withdrawn by the sponsor [SB 59 was amended by the House Judiciary Committee to include HB 143 language]

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SJ 3	Interim study of tribal resources for members involved in crim justice system	Requests an interim committee study to explore increasing access to tribal resources for tribal members who are in the state's criminal justice system.	Enacted

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Senator Cynthia Wolken was the main sponsor of all of the Senate Bills. Representative Nate McConnell sponsored HB 133, and Rep. Ryan Lynch sponsored HB 143.