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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

Sentencing in the Criminal Justice System Interim Study Committee

BILL TOPIC: "CCJJ Criminal Sentencing Study"

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING REQUIRING THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL
102 AND JUVENILE JUSTICE TO CONTRACT FOR A STUDY OF
103 EFFECTIVE CRIMINAL SENTENCING PRACTICES.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

Sentencing in the Criminal Justice System Interim Study Committee. The bill directs the Colorado commission on criminal and juvenile justice (commission) to contract for a study of the most effective criminal sentencing practices available. The commission must establish an advisory committee to review the study and make recommendations

*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

regarding changes to the Colorado sentencing scheme based on the study.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-11.3-103, **add**
3 (2.6) as follows:

4 **16-11.3-103. Duties of the commission - mission - staffing -**
5 **repeal.** (2.6) (a) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONTRACT FOR A STUDY BASED
6 ON EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS AND EVIDENCE-BASED DATA THAT IDENTIFIES
7 THE MOST EFFECTIVE CRIMINAL SENTENCING PRACTICES AVAILABLE. THE
8 STUDY MUST BE COMPLETED BY JULY 1, 2019.

9 (b) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
10 TO REVIEW THE STUDY'S OUTCOME AND, BASED ON THE REVIEW OF THE
11 STUDY, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FULL COMMISSION FOR
12 CRIMINAL SENTENCING CHANGES IN COLORADO.

13 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (2.6) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020.

14 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
15 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
16 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
17 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a
18 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
19 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
20 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
21 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
22 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
23 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.