



SENTENCING GUIDELINES

Judiciary Interim Committee - November Meeting

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WHO WE ARE

17 Members, including:

- Corrections Director
- JJS Director
- CCJJ Director
- BOPP Chair
- Trial Judge (non-voting)
- Juvenile Court Judge (non-voting)
- Administrative Office of the Courts
- Private Defense Atty (adult)
- Private Defense Atty (juvenile)
- Indigent Defense Attorney
- AG Designee
- SWAP Adult Prosecutor
- SWAP Juvenile Prosecutor
- Sheriff's Association Representative
- Rehabilitation Professional
- JJOC Representative
- Victim Services Commission Representative

PURPOSE OF GUIDELINES

"The Sentencing, Release, and Supervision Guidelines are intended to help **structure decision-making**, incorporate an evidence-based criminal justice philosophy, eliminate unwarranted disparity, and provide a tool to match resources with needs while maintaining the discretion of the sentencing, release, and supervision authority."

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- **Habitual Offender Modifications**

- Higher criminal history points and removal of incarceration caps for highest frequency offenders

- **New DUI Death and Injury Matrix (HB 395)**

- Higher penalties for DUI's causing death and injury
- Escalating penalties for repeat DUI offenders and "Extreme DUI"

- **New Supervision Sanctions / Incentives (SB 213)**

- Incentives for maintaining employment
- Sanctions for wilful failure to comply with treatment

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2025?

- **New crime categorizations for offenses created in 2023 and 2024**
- **New guidance on combining supervision terms for individuals sentenced for multiple offenses at the same time**
- **New guidance on how to consider the guidelines in context of a plea in abeyance**
- **Various clarifications / updates to instructions, glossary, appendices**

FOR MORE:

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