
DIGEST

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HB No. 679

Abstract: Provides relative to the policies, duties, powers, and reports of the Louisiana Sentencing Commission.

Present law provides for the creation of the La. Sentencing Commission with the purpose of assisting the legislature and the judiciary in formulating consistent and uniform sentencing policies, and further provides that the commission shall annually review the state's sentencing structure and recommend changes as appropriate.

Present law requires the La. Sentencing Commission to make biannual recommendations for amendments to state law that will maximize uniformity, certainty, consistency, and adequacy of the sentencing structure.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the La. Sentencing Commission to monitor compliance with sentencing standards set forth in present law, assess their impact on the correctional resources of the state, and determine if the sentencing practices further these standards. Proposed law further provides that any recommendations that are based upon the La. Sentencing Commission's findings pursuant to proposed law may be included in the biannual issuance of recommendations required by present law.

(Amends R.S. 15:321(A), (B), (C), (D), and (E))