

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Thursday, June 8, 2017

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Legislative Office Building, Room 2B

300 Capitol Avenue

Hartford, CT

Members Present: Vivian Blackford; Hon. Patrick Carroll; Hon Robert Devlin (chair); William Dyson; Atty. Robert Farr; Chief Thomas Kulhawik; Karl Lewis; Michael Lawlor; Chief Mark Palmer; Atty. Natasha Pierre; Atty. Maureen Price-Boreland; Gary Roberge; Atty. Sarah Russell; John Santa; Atty. David Shepack; Rich Sparaco; Hon. Hillary Strackbein; Atty. Deborah Sullivan; Atty. Thomas Ullman; and Hon. Gary White.

Staff: Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director), Andrew Clark, Mary Janicki, and Gus Marks-Hamilton.

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:10 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 12, 2017 MEETING.

The minutes from the April 12th 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

III. GOVERNOR DANIEL MALLOY

Governor Daniel Malloy thanked members of the Commission for helping to formulate and pass HB 7044, An Act Concerning Pretrial Justice Reform.

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- A. Alex Tsarkov informed members that SB 1032, An Act Concerning Technical Reorganization of Statutes Involving the Illegal Sale of Controlled Substances was passed by both houses of the General Assembly and signed by the Governor.
- B. Alex Tsarkov informed members that HB 7262, An Act Concerning the Recommendations of the Sentencing Commission with Respect to Victim Notification, was passed by both houses of the General Assembly. Members discussed details of the bill.
- C. Alex Tsarkov informed members that HB 7287, An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Sentencing Commission Concerning Pretrial Release

and Detention was combined with the Governor's proposed bill, HB 7044, An Act Concerning Pretrial Justice Reform. The bill was passed by both Houses of the General Assembly and will soon be signed by the Governor.

- D. Alex Tsarkov updated members on SB 1040, An Act Concerning the Registration of Juveniles as Sexual Offenders and Notification of School Districts that a Registrant May be a Student in the District. The Commission submitted testimony in opposition to the bill and sent a letter to the bill's sponsor, State Senator Michael A. McLachlan, informing him that the Commission was studying the issue in its current sex offender study. The bill was passed by the state Senate but not by the state House.

V. PROJECTS UPDATE

- A. Hon. Robert Devlin, Atty. Robert Farr and Gary Roberge updated members on the progress of the Sex Offender Study as well as the proposed recommendations for improvements to the sex offender registry.
- B. Atty. Sarah Russell gave a presentation on *Maranda Lynn O'Donnell vs. Harris County*.
- C. Hon. Robert Devlin informed members about the development of a symposium on pretrial justice organized by the Sentencing Commission.

VI. WORKING GROUP ON COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF CRIMINAL CONVICTION

John Santa announced the creation of a working group on the unintended collateral consequences of a criminal conviction related to issues such as licensure laws and housing that may affect rehabilitation and public safety.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Hon. Robert Devlin updated members on the progress of other issues the Commission will be working on, including diversionary programs.
- B. Alex Tsarkov and Atty. Thomas Ullman updated members on the study by the University of Maryland on risk assessments and sentencing policy.
- C. Atty. Maureen Price-Boreland noted the retirement of Atty. Thomas Ullman. Members of the Commission thanked Atty. Ullman for his service.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Next Commission Meetings:

September 14th, 2017, 2.m. - 4 p.m.

December 14th, 2017, 2p.m. - 4 p.m.