

Database Study Presentation

As recreated from Sachin Pandya's (UConn Law Professor) presentation to the Connecticut Sentencing Commission on June 17, 2026

Background

Task Force Recommendation

One of the primary tasks of the Commission will be to develop an extensive sentencing database. The sentencing database will draw on information collected by other state agencies (e.g., Department of Correction, Board of Pardons and Parole, Court Operations Division)

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Task Force Report (2009 p.10)

Task Force Recommendation

In addition to collecting *new* offender-specific sentencing information, such as plea information and prior criminal history, which currently is not easily accessible.

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Once completed, the database will enable the state to follow the offender throughout the entire system, from arrest to post-release supervision, rather than the agency-by-agency approach that is currently in place.

Task Force Report (2009 p.10)

2026

No Sentencing Database

Method

state	n
CT	5
DC	3
HI	1
IL	1
KS	1
MD	2
OH	2
PA	5
VA	2

Data Uses

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E.g. Virginia

The Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission shall prepare a fiscal impact statement reflecting the operating costs attributable to and necessary appropriations for any bill which would result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities....

Virginia Code 30-19.1:4(A).

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Required for bills including ones that

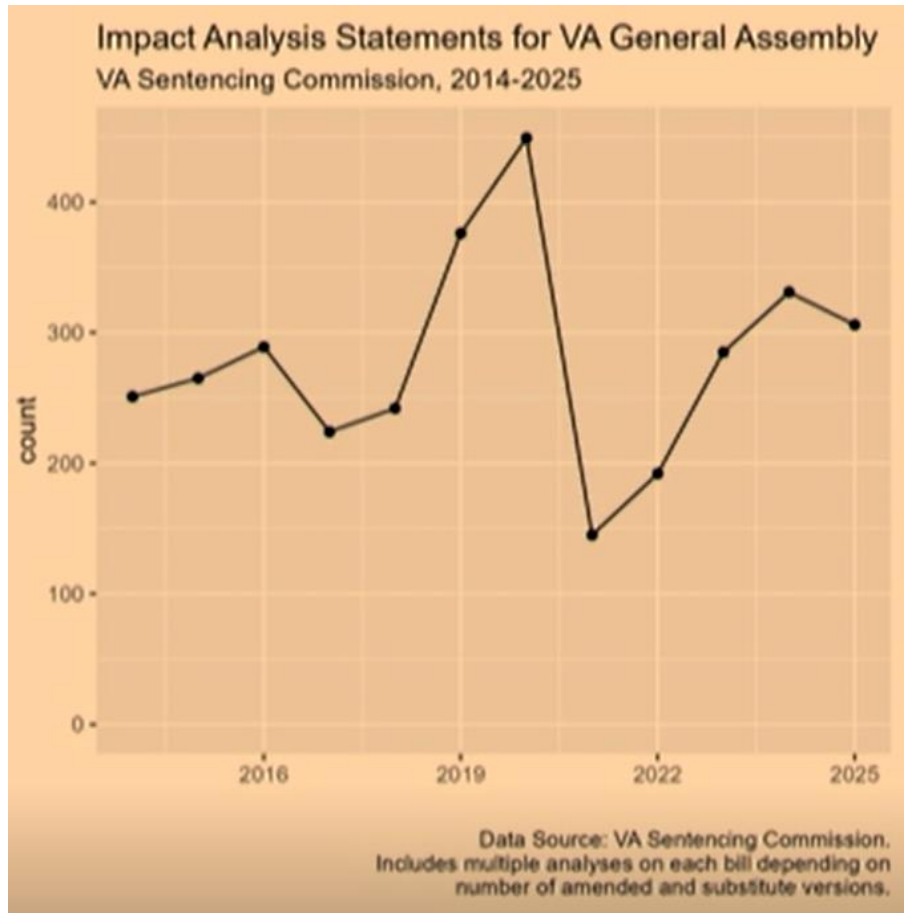
- “add new crimes for which imprisonment or commitment is authorized”
- “increase the periods of imprisonment or commitment authorized for existing crimes”
- “impose minimum or mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment or commitment”
- “modify the law governing release of prisoners or juveniles in such a way that the time served in prison...will increase”

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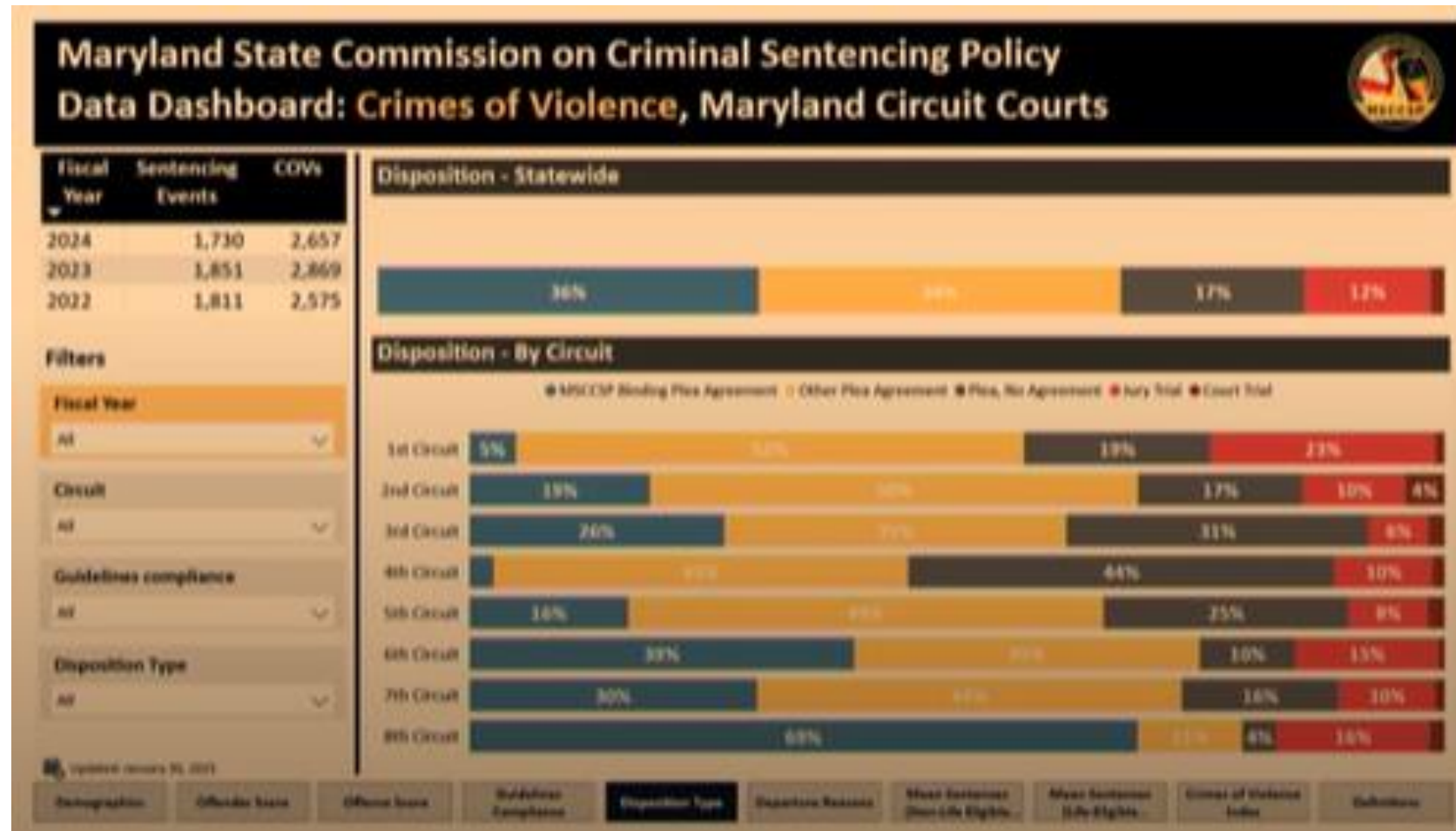
For 2025 VA General Assembly

- 306 impact statements on proposed legislation
- “computer simulation forecasting program” to estimate impact
- Within 24-48 hours in “most” cases
- Impact statements updated if amendments/substitute
- “about 25% are impact analysis on bills never filed

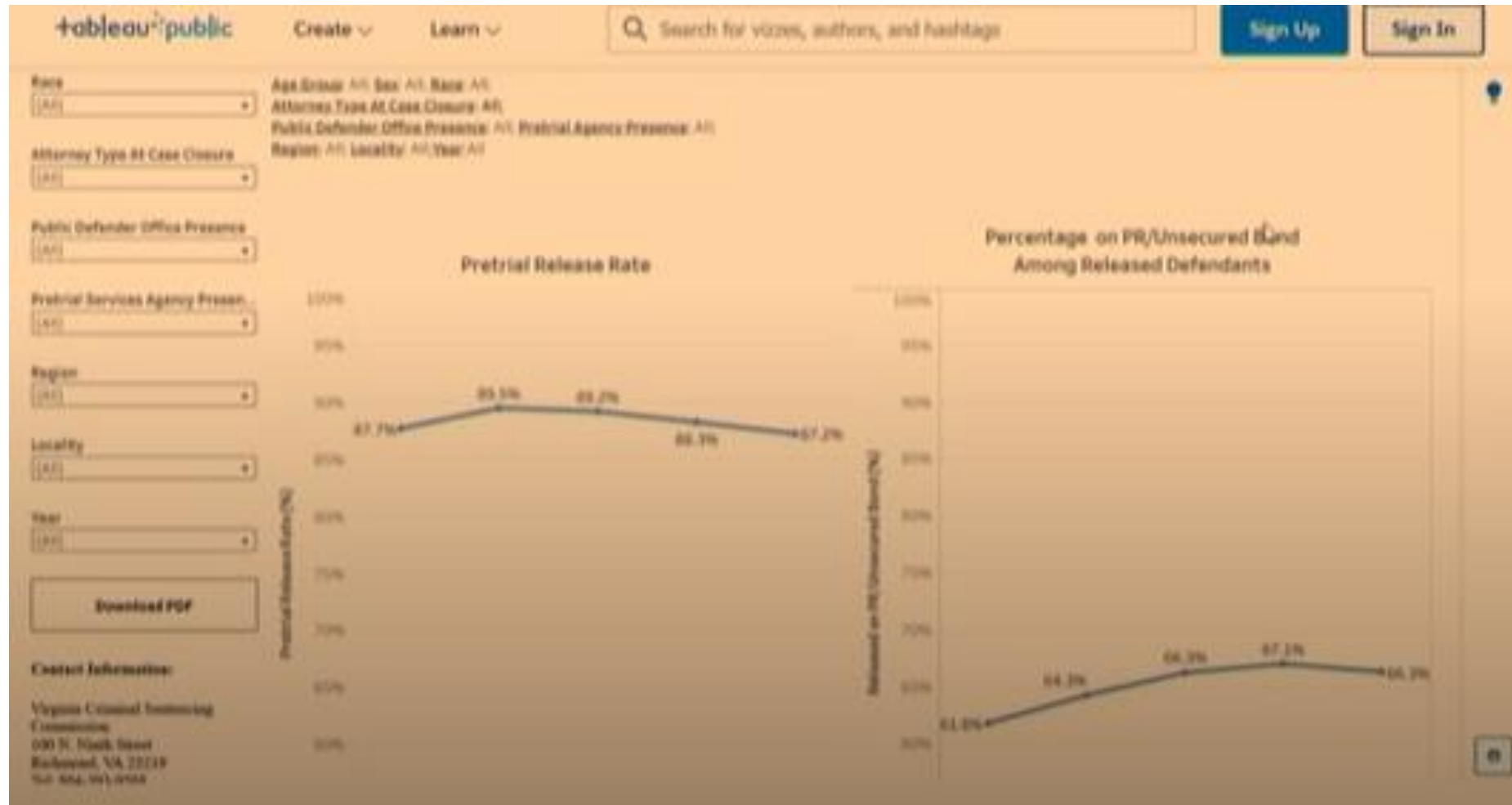
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Data Dashboards



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Open Source Data

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