

(v) Whether the State should eliminate good time credits or otherwise alter the manner in which an inmate may obtain release on mandatory supervision;

(vi) Whether the State needs to take action to ensure that there is a coordinated system of correctional options programs at the State and county levels and, if so, what action should be taken; and

(vii) Any other matter relating to State and local laws and policies governing sentencing, parole, mandatory supervision, and correctional options programs.

(2) The sentencing and correctional process shall pursue the following objectives:

(i) Promote sentencing that more accurately reflects the time that an offender will actually be incarcerated;

(ii) Concentrate prison capacity on the incarceration of violent and career offenders;

(iii) Reduce unwarranted disparity in sentences for offenders who have committed similar offenses and have similar criminal histories;

(iv) Preserve meaningful judicial discretion in the imposition of sentences and sufficient flexibility to permit individualized sentences; and

(v) Ensure that sentencing judges in every jurisdiction in the State are able to impose the most appropriate criminal penalties, including correctional options programs for appropriate nonviolent offenders.

(3) (i) The Commission shall develop a correctional population simulation model to assist in determining the State and local correctional resources that:

1. Are required under current laws, policies, and practices relating to sentencing, parole, and mandatory supervision; and

2. Would be required to implement the Commission's recommendations.

(ii) If the Commission's recommendations would result in State and local inmate populations that would exceed the operating capacities of available facilities, then the Commission shall present additional sentencing model alternatives consistent with these capacities.

(g) This section shall terminate and be of no effect after [December 31, 1998] JULY 1, 1999.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.