

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS SUBSECTION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

(I) WHETHER DESCRIPTIVE SENTENCING GUIDELINES SHOULD BE RETAINED BY THE STATE AS A SENTENCING STRUCTURE, EITHER IN THEIR CURRENT FORM OR IN A MODIFIED FORM;

(II) WHETHER THE STATE SHOULD ADOPT GUIDED DISCRETION SENTENCING GUIDELINES AND, IF SO, WHAT TYPE OF GUIDED DISCRETION SENTENCING GUIDELINES SHOULD BE ADOPTED;

(III) WHETHER THE STATE SHOULD RETAIN PAROLE AS A CORRECTIONAL OPTION OR ELIMINATE PAROLE FOR ALL INMATES OR ANY PARTICULAR CATEGORY OF INMATES;

(IV) WHETHER THE STATE SHOULD INCREASE THE MINIMUM PORTION OF A SENTENCE THAT MUST BE SERVED BY ALL INMATES OR ANY PARTICULAR CATEGORY OF INMATES BEFORE BECOMING ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE;

(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 GOALS OF THE SENTENCING AND CORRECTIONAL PROCESS ARE:

(I) JUST AND APPROPRIATE PUNISHMENT OF OFFENDERS;
(II) PROTECTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND PREVENTION OF CRIME THROUGH:

- 1. GENERAL AND SPECIFIC DETERRENCE OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT;
- 2. INCAPACITATION OF OFFENDERS; AND
- 3. REMEDIATION OF OFFENDERS;

(III) RESTORATION OF CRIME VICTIMS AND THE COMMUNITY; AND

(IV) PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND RESPECT FOR THE LAW.