

accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 222.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 222**

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Commission on Criminal Sentencing Reform Policy**

FOR the purpose of creating a ~~Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission; Maryland Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy~~; providing for the appointment or designation of members of the Commission; establishing that members of the Commission may not receive a salary but shall be reimbursed for certain expenses; designating staff for the Commission; requiring the Commission to hold its first meeting by a certain date; ~~requiring the Commission to perform certain duties; granting the Commission certain powers; requiring the Commission to make certain recommendations~~ *establishing certain procedures, powers, and duties; establishing the purposes and objectives of the Commission; requiring the Commission to develop a correctional population simulation model for certain purposes; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report; making this Act subject to a certain contingency*; ~~requiring the Commission to submit certain draft legislation to the General Assembly by a certain date; providing for the termination of the Commission; defining certain terms; establishing certain policy goals and objectives; providing for the application of the established policies; making this Act contingent on the inclusion of certain funds in the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 1997~~; and generally relating to the Maryland Commission on Criminal Sentencing Reform Policy.

BY adding to

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments

Section 18-310

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

**Preamble**

~~WHEREAS, The effective administration of justice and protection of public safety require a sentencing and correctional process that has credibility with the general public and with criminal offenders; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The credibility and effectiveness of the current sentencing and correctional process is diminished by common beliefs that prisoners do not serve an adequate portion of their sentences, that traditional probation and parole supervision are not meaningful punishments, and that there is substantial unwarranted disparity in sentences for similar crimes; and~~