

PAROLE AS PROVIDED IN § 7-301(C) OR (D) OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ARTICLE, THE COURT SHALL STATE IN OPEN COURT THE MINIMUM TIME THE DEFENDANT MUST SERVE FOR THE VIOLENT CRIME BEFORE BECOMING ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE.

(B) THE STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED A PART OF THE SENTENCE.

(C) THE FAILURE OF A COURT TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT AFFECT THE LEGALITY OR EFFICACY OF THE SENTENCE IMPOSED.

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~~[(a) Nothing in this article may be construed to prohibit the use of judicial guidelines in setting sentences.~~

~~(b) However, the guidelines may not:~~

~~(1) Prescribe a sentence exceeding the maximum sentence provided by law; or~~

~~(2) Be used in violation of any mandatory minimum sentence prescribed by law.]~~

~~(A) (1) IN A CASE IN A CIRCUIT COURT INVOLVING A CRIME SUBJECT TO THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 41, TITLE 21 OF THE CODE, THE COURT SHALL:~~

~~(1) HAVE PRESENTED TO IT THE APPROPRIATE SENTENCING GUIDELINES WORKSHEET; AND~~

~~(1) REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE SUITABILITY OF THE APPLICABLE SENTENCING GUIDELINES.~~

~~(2) IT IS VOLUNTARY FOR THE COURT TO SENTENCE WITHIN THE GUIDELINES.~~

~~(2) (2) THE COURT SHALL MAKE THE COMPLETED SENTENCING GUIDELINES WORKSHEET PART OF THE RECORD OF THE CASE.~~

~~(B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IN A CASE IN A CIRCUIT COURT INVOLVING A CRIME SUBJECT TO THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES IN WHICH THE COURT IMPOSES A SENTENCE EITHER GREATER OR LESSER THAN THAT INDICATED IN THE GUIDELINES, THE COURT SHALL FILE A WRITTEN RECORD OF REASONS FOR THE DEPARTURE, USING THE FORM PROVIDED WITH THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES WORKSHEET.~~

~~(2) A SENTENCE TO A CORRECTIONS OPTIONS PROGRAM THAT FALLS WITHIN THE CORRECTIONS OPTIONS ZONE SHOWN ON A MATRIX SHALL CONSTITUTE A SENTENCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES.~~