

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Committee Notes contained in this Act are not law.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

May 27, 1999

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 388.

This bill establishes a 19-member State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy as a permanent State commission and specifies changes applicable to current criminal sentencing practices and parole.

House Bill 602, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 27, 1999, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 388.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill 388

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Procedure - Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy -
Sentencing and Parole**

FOR the purpose of requiring circuit courts at the time of imposing certain sentences to state in open court the minimum time that the defendant must serve before becoming eligible for parole; providing that the statement of minimum parole eligibility is informational and not part of a sentence; ~~repealing a provision concerning use of judicial guidelines; requiring circuit courts to use certain sentencing guidelines, worksheets, and departure forms under certain circumstances; requiring clerks of the circuit courts to send certain records relating to sentences to the State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy; providing that the failure to give certain statements or make certain records concerning sentences does not affect the legality or efficacy of a sentence;~~ authorizing a certain criminal sentence review panel to order a different sentence, including a decrease in a mandatory minimum sentence otherwise required by law under certain circumstances; establishing a State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy; establishing the intent of the General Assembly