

concerning criminal sentencing; establishing the membership of, appointments to, terms of the members on, and conditions concerning membership on the Commission; providing for the initial terms of appointment for the appointed members of the Commission; providing for certain meetings, rules, and procedures of the Commission; requiring the Commission to hold its first meeting no later than a certain date at the call of the Chairperson; requiring certain State units and local governments and local government units to provide information to and cooperate with the Commission under certain circumstances; providing for the employment of a staff under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to adopt certain sentencing guidelines under certain circumstances; requiring the sentencing guidelines to contain certain elements; requiring the Commission to adopt guidelines concerning corrections options; requiring the Commission to submit an annual report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the annual report to contain certain information; requiring the Commission to collect sentencing guideline worksheets and to automate the information in the worksheets under certain circumstances; ~~requiring the Commission to compile certain information on each circuit court judge's use of the sentencing guidelines; establishing procedures and requirements for changes or modifications to the sentencing guideline matrices by the Commission~~ requiring the Commission to adopt certain sentencing guidelines as regulations subject to the Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to conduct certain training, make certain consultations, and prepare certain statements; requiring the Commission to use a certain correctional population simulation model and to make the model available to certain persons under certain circumstances; establishing that certain inmates are not eligible for parole until they have served a certain portion of their aggregate sentences under certain circumstances; requiring the publication of the sentencing guidelines in certain State documents; exempting the Commission from the Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act; defining certain terms; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to criminal sentencing, review of criminal sentences, and parole.

BY adding to

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 640

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section ~~643C, 645JA, 645JA~~ and 645JC

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BY adding to

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments