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House Bill No. 2092

(By Delegates Armstead, Amores, Manuel and Craig)

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H. B. 2092

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AN ACT to amend article nine, chapter fifteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section four, relating to establishing within the governor’s committee on crime, delinquency and correction a research component relating to criminal sentencing; and requiring reports.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article nine, chapter fifteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section four, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 9. GOVERNOR’S COMMITTEE ON CRIME, DELINQUENCY AND CORRECTION.

§15-9-4. Criminal sentencing research.
The governor’s committee on crime, delinquency and correction shall conduct comprehensive research on the state’s criminal sanctioning process for adult offenders. The purpose of the research is to promote a fuller understanding of this state’s criminal justice system, and shall include the review of issues of sentence length imposed, actual sentence length served, parole eligibility, parole revocation, determinate or indeterminate sentences, availability of alternatives to incarceration for certain offenses, and the respective roles that each of these and other criminal sanction issues may play in the increased demand for prison bed space. The committee shall report to the governor and the Legislature on or before the first day of January, two thousand four, and at its discretion thereafter, the findings of its research and make any recommendations for modifications of criminal sentencing laws or procedures provided that no such recommendations or modifications shall become effective without further action of the Legislature.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Greg Butcher
Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 1st day of April, 2003.

Governor