



CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

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About us

- *An independent* state criminal justice agency
- Established in February of 2011 by Public Act
- Criminal Justice Policy and Research
- Generally speaking, the Commission is a body of senior criminal justice system leaders that convene to coordinate systemic responses to criminal justice problems
- Broad statutory mandate...not just sentencing.



Statutory Mission

The mission of the commission shall be to:

1. ***review*** the existing criminal sentencing structure in the state and any proposed changes thereto, including existing statutes, proposed criminal justice legislation and existing and proposed sentencing policies and practices, and
2. ***make recommendations*** to the Governor, the General Assembly and appropriate criminal justice agencies.



Who we are...

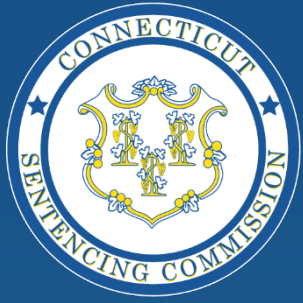
23 voting members including...

- Judges
- Prosecutors
- Criminal defense counsel
- Department of Correction
- DESPP
- Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)
- Victim advocate
- Court Support Services Division
- A Municipal Police Chief
- Board of Pardons and Paroles
- Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division of the Office of Policy and Management
- Members of the public appointed by the Governor and the leaders of the General Assembly.

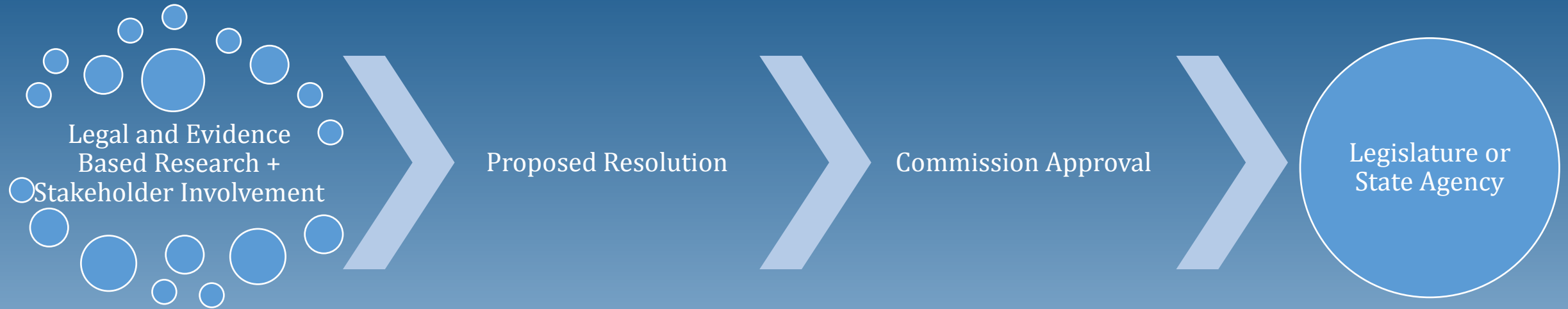


Policy Work

The commission shall make recommendations concerning criminal justice legislation, including proposed modifications thereto, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary which shall hold a hearing thereon.



Our Process





Some of Our Past Projects

- Juvenile Life Without Parole
- Certificates of Rehabilitation
- Classifying unclassified felonies
- Drug Free Zones
- Bail Reform
- Weapons in a Motor Vehicle (State v. DeCiccio)



Current Projects

- Certificates of Employability Evaluation
- Evaluation of Pretrial Release and Detention
- Criminal History Record Erasure
- Evidence Based Sentencing and Risk Assessment
- Study on Sex Offenders
- Evaluation of Pretrial Diversionary Programs



Highlight: Pretrial Release & Detention





Highlight: Study on Sex Offenders

Special Act 15-2 (2015 Session)

The act requires the Commission to take a comprehensive look at the registration, management, and sentencing of sex offenders in CT.



Special Committee formed (June 2015)

Composed of individuals with a broad base of personal and professional experience with sex offenders.



Final report complete by December 15, 2017.



Highlight: Study on Sex Offenders

Focus of Study:

1. State sentencing laws for sex offenses, sentencing trends and patterns;
2. Management of convicted sex offenders and the sex offender registry; and
3. Collateral consequences of sex offender policies and management practices on victims and the offender.



2018 Legislative Session

Two proposals:

1. Risk-Based Sex Offender Registry
2. Lowering the maximum sentence for misdemeanor sentences



Questions

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