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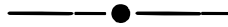


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AN ACT to amend article nine, chapter fifteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section four, relating to establishing within the governor's committee on crime,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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

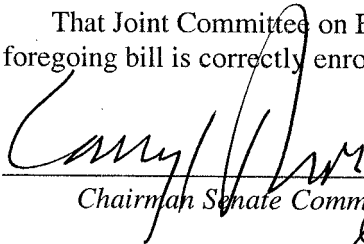
That article nine, chapter fifteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section four, to read as follows:

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

§15-9-4. Criminal sentencing research.

1 The governor's committee on crime, delinquency and
2 correction shall conduct comprehensive research on the state's
3 criminal sanctioning process for adult offenders. The purpose
4 of the research is to promote a fuller understanding of this
5 state's criminal justice system, and shall include the review of
6 issues of sentence length imposed, actual sentence length
7 served, parole eligibility, parole revocation, determinate or
8 indeterminate sentences, availability of alternatives to incarceration
9 for certain offenses, and the respective roles that each of
10 these and other criminal sanction issues may play in the
11 increased demand for prison bed space. The committee shall
12 report to the governor and the Legislature on or before the first
13 day of January, two thousand four, and at its discretion thereafter,
14 the findings of its research and make any recommendations
15 for modifications of criminal sentencing laws or procedures
16 provided that no such recommendations or modifications shall
17 become effective without further action of the Legislature.

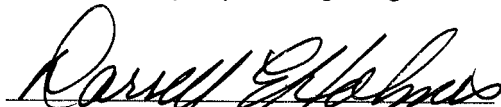
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

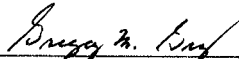

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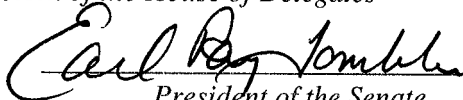

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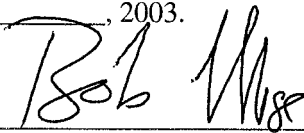

Clerk of the Senate


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

PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 3/24/03

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