



House Bill No. 7262

Public Act No. 17-217

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO VICTIM NOTIFICATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) Whenever a defendant convicted of one or more crimes receives a definite sentence of more than a two-year term of imprisonment, or a total effective sentence of more than a two-year term of imprisonment, the court shall, at sentencing, indicate: (1) The maximum period of imprisonment that may apply to the defendant; (2) whether the defendant may be eligible to earn risk reduction credits pursuant to section 18-98e of the general statutes; and (3) whether the defendant may be eligible to apply for release on parole pursuant to section 54-125a of the general statutes.

Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 54-91c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

(d) Upon the request of a victim, prior to the acceptance by the court of a plea of a defendant pursuant to a proposed plea agreement, the state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney in charge of the case shall provide such victim with the terms

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of such proposed plea agreement in writing. If the terms of the proposed plea agreement provide for a term of imprisonment which is more than two years or a total effective sentence of more than a two-year term of imprisonment, the state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney in charge of the case shall indicate: (1) The maximum period of imprisonment that may apply to the defendant; (2) whether the defendant may be eligible to earn risk reduction credits pursuant to section 18-98e; and (3) whether the defendant may be eligible to apply for release on parole pursuant to section 54-125a.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) The Department of Correction shall make publically available general offender sentencing information. Such information shall include: (1) The inmate release mechanisms under the authority of the department; (2) information on presentence confinement credit and application pursuant to section 18-98d of the general statutes; (3) information on the eligibility and application of risk reduction credits earned pursuant to section 18-98e of the general statutes; (4) the standards for eligibility for parole; (5) the state-wide automated victim information and notification system established under section 54-235 of the general statutes; and (6) any other information the Commissioner of Correction deems pertinent.

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