

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2015 and 2016 HB3587

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

730 ILCS 5/5-8-8

Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Changes the date in which the provisions creating the Sentencing Policy Advisory Council are repealed from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2020. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by changing Section 5-8-8 as follows:
- 6 (730 ILCS 5/5-8-8)

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this Code:

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2015)

hereinafter referred to as the Council.

- 8 Sec. 5-8-8. Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council.
- 9 (a) Creation. There is created under the jurisdiction of 10 the Governor the Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council,
 - (b) Purposes and goals. The purpose of the Council is to review sentencing policies and practices and examine how these policies and practices impact the criminal justice system as a whole in the State of Illinois. In carrying out its duties, the Council shall be mindful of and aim to achieve the purposes of sentencing in Illinois, which are set out in Section 1-1-2 of
- 19 (1) prescribe sanctions proportionate to the 20 seriousness of the offenses and permit the recognition of 21 differences in rehabilitation possibilities among 22 individual offenders;
- 23 (2) forbid and prevent the commission of offenses;

1	(3) prevent arbitrary or oppressive treatment of
2	persons adjudicated offenders or delinquents; and
3	(4) restore offenders to useful citizenship.
4	(c) Council composition.
5	(1) The Council shall consist of the following members:
6	(A) the President of the Senate, or his or her
7	designee;
8	(B) the Minority Leader of the Senate, or his or
9	her designee;
10	(C) the Speaker of the House, or his or her
11	designee;
12	(D) the Minority Leader of the House, or his or her
13	designee;
14	(E) the Governor, or his or her designee;
15	(F) the Attorney General, or his or her designee;
16	(G) two retired judges, who may have been circuit,
17	appellate, or supreme court judges; retired judges
18	appointed prior to the effective date of this
19	amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly shall be
20	selected by the members of the Council designated in
21	clauses (c)(1)(A) through (L), and retired judges
22	appointed on or after the effective date of this
23	amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly shall be
24	appointed by the Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme
25	Court;
26	(G-5) two sitting judges, who may be circuit,

designee;

1	appellate, or supreme court judges, appointed by the
2	Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; one member
3	appointed under this paragraph (G-5) shall be selected
4	from the Circuit Court of Cook County or the First
5	Judicial District, and one member appointed under this
6	paragraph (G-5) shall be selected from a judicial
7	circuit or district other than the Circuit Court of
8	Cook County or the First Judicial District;
9	(H) the Cook County State's Attorney, or his or her
10	designee;

- (I) the Cook County Public Defender, or his or her
- (J) a State's Attorney not from Cook County,
 appointed by the State's Attorney's Appellate
 Prosecutor;
- (K) the State Appellate Defender, or his or her designee;
- (L) the Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, or his or her designee;
- (M) a victim of a violent felony or a representative of a crime victims' organization, selected by the members of the Council designated in clauses (c)(1)(A) through (L);
- (N) a representative of a community-based organization, selected by the members of the Council designated in clauses (c)(1)(A) through (L);

Т	(O) a Climinal justice academic researcher, to be
2	selected by the members of the Council designated in
3	clauses (c)(1)(A) through (L);
4	(P) a representative of law enforcement from a unit
5	of local government to be selected by the members of
6	the Council designated in clauses (c)(1)(A) through
7	(L);
8	(Q) a sheriff selected by the members of the
9	Council designated in clauses (c)(1)(A) through (L);
10	and
11	(R) ex-officio members shall include:
12	(i) the Director of Corrections, or his or her
13	designee;
14	(ii) the Chair of the Prisoner Review Board, or
15	his or her designee;
16	(iii) the Director of the Illinois State
17	Police, or his or her designee; and
18	(iv) the Director of the Illinois Criminal
19	Justice Information Authority, or his or her
20	designee.
21	(1.5) The Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected from
22	among its members by a majority of the members of the
23	Council.
24	(2) Members of the Council who serve because of their
25	public office or position, or those who are designated as
26	members by such officials, shall serve only as long as they

- 1 hold such office or position.
 - (3) Council members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses incurred in their work for the Council.
 - (4) The Council may exercise any power, perform any function, take any action, or do anything in furtherance of its purposes and goals upon the appointment of a quorum of its members. The term of office of each member of the Council ends on the date of repeal of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly.
 - (d) Duties. The Council shall perform, as resources permit, duties including:
 - (1) Collect and analyze information including sentencing data, crime trends, and existing correctional resources to support legislative and executive action affecting the use of correctional resources on the State and local levels.
 - (2) Prepare criminal justice population projections annually, including correctional and community-based supervision populations.
 - (3) Analyze data relevant to proposed sentencing legislation and its effect on current policies or practices, and provide information to support evidence-based sentencing.
 - (4) Ensure that adequate resources and facilities are available for carrying out sentences imposed on offenders

and that rational priorities are established for the use of those resources. To do so, the Council shall prepare criminal justice resource statements, identifying the fiscal and practical effects of proposed criminal sentencing legislation, including, but not limited to, the correctional population, court processes, and county or local government resources.

- (5) Perform such other studies or tasks pertaining to sentencing policies as may be requested by the Governor or the Illinois General Assembly.
- (6) Perform such other functions as may be required by law or as are necessary to carry out the purposes and goals of the Council prescribed in subsection (b).

(e) Authority.

- (1) The Council shall have the power to perform the functions necessary to carry out its duties, purposes and goals under this Act. In so doing, the Council shall utilize information and analysis developed by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, and the Illinois Department of Corrections.
- (2) Upon request from the Council, each executive agency and department of State and local government shall provide information and records to the Council in the execution of its duties.
- (f) Report. The Council shall report in writing annually to

- 1 the General Assembly, the Illinois Supreme Court, and the
- 2 Governor.
- 3 (g) This Section is repealed on December 31, 2020 = 2015.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 97-775, eff. 7-13-12; 98-65, eff. 7-15-13.)
- 5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 6 becoming law.