

CHAPTER 394

An Act to direct the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission to calculate and report the recidivism rate for certain released federal prisoners.

[H 1105]

Approved March 11, 2016

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. *§ 1. That the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission shall calculate annually the recidivism rate of federal prisoners released by the U.S. Bureau of Prisons whose sentences were retroactively reduced pursuant to Amendments 782 and 788 of the U.S. Sentencing Commission's Guidelines Manual for crimes committed in the Commonwealth. The Commission shall make a reasonable attempt to acquire the information necessary to complete the calculation from any available source, including any state or federal entity that has access to such information. The Commission shall report annually to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice (i) such recidivism rate no later than December 31 for the preceding 12-month period complete through the last day of October or (ii) if the Commission is unable to complete the calculation, any information regarding the recidivism rate of such prisoners as the Commission was able to acquire.*

2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on January 1, 2018.