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SYNOPSIS

Directs the collection of recidivism data for adults sentenced to a period of probation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning data about recidivism among the probation
2 population and supplementing chapter 45 of Title 2C of the New
3 Jersey Statutes.

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5 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. The Administrative Director of the Courts shall establish
9 a program to record and analyze the recidivism of all persons
10 sentenced to a period of probation pursuant to N.J.S.2C:43-2. The
11 purpose of this program shall be to assist in measuring the
12 effectiveness of the State's rehabilitation initiatives and programs.

13 b. The program shall record data regarding types of crimes
14 committed by offenders that result in a sentence of probation, the
15 arrests for all offenses committed by probationers within three years
16 following their sentence of probation and any convictions resulting
17 from the arrests, crimes committed while on probation, the number
18 of repeat offenders and the number of probationers concurrently
19 serving a parole sentence. These data shall be analyzed to
20 determine whether the rates and nature of rearrests and convictions
21 differ according to the criminal histories and personal
22 characteristics of probationers, the treatment they received during
23 the period of probation, participation and involvement in
24 rehabilitation initiatives and programs, and such other factors as
25 may be relevant to the purposes of this section, including, but not
26 limited to, race, gender, ethnicity, and age, but without referencing
27 personally identifying information.

28 c. The Administrative Director of the Courts shall prepare and
29 disseminate to the public annual reports summarizing the recidivism
30 rates, patterns, and other findings and analyses resultant of the
31 information gathered pursuant to this section. To facilitate the
32 accessibility of these reports to the general public, the
33 administrative director shall, to the greatest extent possible, utilize
34 the Internet.

35 d. The Administrative Director of the Courts shall, pursuant to
36 section 2 of P.L. 1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), annually prepare and
37 transmit to the Governor and the Legislature the reports prepared,
38 along with any recommendations the Administrative Office of the
39 Courts may have for legislation to improve the effectiveness of the
40 State's rehabilitation initiatives and programs.

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42 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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45 STATEMENT

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47 The bill requires the Administrative Director of the Courts to
48 establish a program to record and analyze recidivism rates for adults

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1 sentenced to a period of probation. The purpose of this provision is
2 to measure the effectiveness of the State's probation rehabilitation
3 initiatives and programs.

4 The bill is modeled on a similar program established in 2009 to
5 record and analyze recidivism rates for adult and juvenile inmates
6 released from incarceration. The purpose of that program was to
7 measure the effectiveness of the State's reentry initiatives and
8 programs.