

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Special Committee on Sex Offenders Subcommittee on Sex Offender Sentencing Meeting

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

1:30 PM

Quinnipiac University School of Law
370 Bassett Road
North Haven, CT

Members Present: Atty. Brian Austin (chair), Hon. Robert Devlin, Atty. Robert Farr (ex-officio), Atty. Amy Eppler-Epstein, Atty. Deborah Fuller, Erin Miller, Prof. Sarah Russell, Atty. John Smriga, and Atty. Thomas Ullmann (chair).

Staff: Atty. Leland J. Moore, and Alex Tsarkov (Executive Director).

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:39 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 1.28.16

The minutes from the meeting on January 28th, 2016 were reviewed and approved.

III. PRESENTATION REGARDING REGISTRY REMOVAL MECHANISMS (PART 2)

Prof. Russell provided additional information on the statutory mechanisms available for removal from state sex offender registries across the country.

IV. REVIEW OF DATA REGARDING SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION

Judge Devlin presented information from the Judicial Branch concerning the number of charges that included a statute involving sex offender registration and the number of convictions with sex offender registration ordered.

V. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The subcommittee discussed possible areas of focus for the remainder of the study. Atty. Moore and Mr. Tsarkov briefly described aspects of study implementation along with the means by which recommendations would be transmitted to the Sentencing Commission and

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possibly the legislature. Attorneys Austin and Ullmann lead a group discussion of subcommittee priorities. The subcommittee expressed an interest in focusing on three subjects: 1. sex crimes with mandatory minimums, 2. registry removal mechanisms, and 3. the penalties associated with Connecticut's sex offenses (generally).

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Four members of the public expressed their concerns regarding the consequences of sex offender registration and registry removal/exemption in Connecticut.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was addressed.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

Atty. Ullmann adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:29 p.m.

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