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SENATE BILL 18-018

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**Senate Committees**  
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**House Committees**

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING REQUIRING THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL  
102 AND JUVENILE JUSTICE TO CONTRACT FOR A STUDY OF  
103 EFFECTIVE CRIMINAL SENTENCING PRACTICES.

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Sentencing in the Criminal Justice System Interim Study Committee.** The bill directs the Colorado commission on criminal and juvenile justice (commission) to contract for a study of the most effective criminal sentencing practices available. The commission must establish an advisory committee to review the study and make recommendations

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
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regarding changes to the Colorado sentencing scheme based on the study.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-11.3-103, **add**  
3 (2.6) as follows:

4 **16-11.3-103. Duties of the commission - mission - staffing -**  
5 **repeal.** (2.6) (a) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONTRACT FOR A STUDY BASED  
6 ON EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS AND EVIDENCE-BASED DATA THAT IDENTIFIES  
7 THE MOST EFFECTIVE CRIMINAL SENTENCING PRACTICES AVAILABLE. THE  
8 STUDY MUST BE COMPLETED BY JULY 1, 2019.

9 (b) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
10 TO REVIEW THE STUDY'S OUTCOME AND, BASED ON THE REVIEW OF THE  
11 STUDY, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FULL COMMISSION FOR  
12 CRIMINAL SENTENCING CHANGES IN COLORADO.

13 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (2.6) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020.

14 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
15 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
16 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
17 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a  
18 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
19 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
20 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
21 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
22 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
23 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.