
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 425 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY RAFFERTY, LEACH, WASHINGTON, STACK, GREENLEAF,
FERLO, KASUNIC, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, SMITH,
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FARNESE, BRUBAKER AND TARTAGLIONE, JULY 1, 2014

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, JULY 1, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing on its
2 35th anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing was
4 created in 1978 by the General Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, The primary purpose of the Pennsylvania Commission
6 on Sentencing was the creation of a consistent and rational
7 Statewide sentencing policy that would increase sentencing
8 severity for serious crimes and promote fairness and uniformity
9 in sentencing practices; and

10 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing is
11 required to adopt guidelines that a sentencing court would
12 consider appropriate for a defendant pleading guilty or nolo
13 contendere or found guilty of a felony or misdemeanor; and

14 WHEREAS, Guidelines promulgated by the Pennsylvania
15 Commission on Sentencing promote sentencing equity and fairness;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Commonwealth judges utilize the guidelines as a

1 common reference point for sentencing similar offenders
2 convicted of similar crimes; and

3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing was
4 designated as a legislative service agency in 1986; and

5 WHEREAS, The Judiciary Committee of the Senate and the
6 Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives have been
7 designated as the standing committees to review regulations
8 issued by the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing; therefore
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the Pennsylvania
11 Commission on Sentencing on its 35th anniversary and honor its
12 continued service to this Commonwealth.