

SENATE BILL 1488

By Akbari

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39;
Title 40 and Title 41, relative to sentencing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations (TACIR) is directed to conduct a study on sentencing in this state. TACIR shall compare the length of sentences imposed on individuals currently incarcerated with current sentencing guidelines used by courts in this state. The study must identify any disparities between sentences imposed for similar offenses, and identify any reasons for the disparities.

SECTION 2. The department of correction and the administrative office of the courts shall provide assistance to TACIR upon the request of the executive director of TACIR.

SECTION 3. TACIR shall submit a report disclosing the findings of the study to members of the general assembly no later than January 1, 2022.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.