



Task Force on Mandatory Minimum Sentences

Task Force Charge and Overview

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Purpose

- Collect and analyze data on the charging, convicting, and sentencing of persons to mandatory minimum sentences.
- Assess whether current laws and practices promote public safety and equity in sentencing.
- Make recommendations to the legislature.

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Data Collection and Analysis

- Charges, convictions, and sentences that involve mandatory minimum sentences
- Mandatory minimum sentences in which a person received a mitigated durational departure because the mandatory minimum sentence was seen as inappropriate by a judge or county attorney, or both
- Mandatory minimum sentences in which a person likely would have received a mitigated durational departure but for the enforcement of a mandatory minimum sentence
- Charges, convictions, and sentences for codefendants of persons sentenced to a mandatory minimum sentence

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Legal Analysis

- Relevant state statutes
- State and federal court decisions

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Stakeholder Input

- Persons who were convicted of a crime with a mandatory minimum sentence
- Family members of persons who were convicted of a crime with a mandatory minimum sentence
- Persons who were victims of crimes with a mandatory minimum sentence
- Family members of persons who were victims of crimes with a mandatory minimum sentence

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Assessment

- Analyze the benefits and unintended consequences of state statutes and practices related to the charging, convicting, and sentencing of persons of crimes with mandatory minimum sentences, including whether they:
 - Promote public safety; and
 - Properly punish a person for that person's role in an offense

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Recommendations

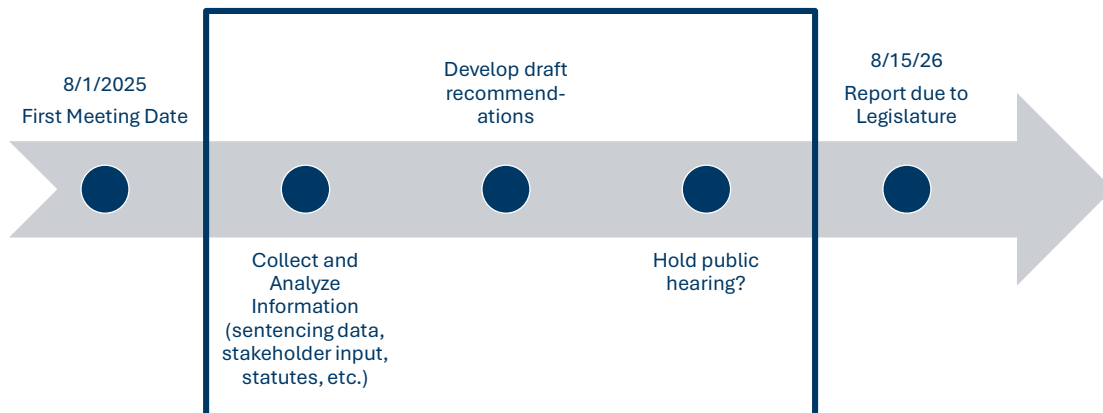
Make recommendations for legislative action, if any, on laws affecting:

- the collection and reporting of data; and
- the charging, convicting, and sentencing of persons for crimes with mandatory minimum sentences.

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Timeline



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