



FY2010 RECOMMENDATION/FY10-D52 MODIFY SANCTIONS FOR FIRST-TIME OFFENDERS

Status: Implementation Unknown

Actions/Updates

2012 ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION

Although the Judicial Branch is responsible for the implementation of this recommendation it is unrealistic for the Commission to track the activities of the courts.

Description

Modify court sanctions for first-time offenders to help individuals maintain or obtain employment.

Agencies Responsible

Judicial Branch

Discussion

Research demonstrates that individuals with a felony record have reduced employment and earnings potential, a burden that can last a lifetime. Court sanctions should expand non-felony sentencing options for first-time offenders who are charged with drug possession, thereby increasing offenders' ability to maintain or obtain employment.