

Colorado Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice

FY2010 RECOMMENDATION/FY10-S04 AGGRAVATED RANGES, EXTRAORDINARY RISK CRIMES, AND MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES

Status: Implementation Complete

Actions/Updates

2013 UPDATE

Reflecting FY13-CS #03, House Bill 2013-1148 was introduced January 18, 2013. On March 21, 2013, the House Judiciary Committee postponed the bill indefinitely. (See FY13-CS #03 for any further updates.)

2012 UPDATE

In accordance with this recommendation, the Comprehensive Sentencing Task Force revisited the topics related to FY10-S #04. In response to the original recommendation, the Task Force produced FY13-S03 (Eliminate Colorado's Extraordinary Risk Statute), which was subsequently approved by the Commission in October 2012.

2011 UPDATE

No action.

Description

The complex nature of Colorado statutes pertaining to aggravated, extraordinary risk, and mandatory minimum sentences requires detailed analysis and careful study to ensure that any recommended modifications conform to broader sentencing policies and structures, and to ensure that the consequences of any modifications are analyzed and well understood by stakeholders. The Commission must first undertake this analysis to guarantee that any recommended statutory reforms must be consistent with evidence-based practices and recidivism reduction.

Agencies Responsible

Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

Discussion

The Commission has requested that its Sentencing Policy Task Force undertake a comprehensive study of the entire state sentencing structure, including the enhancements captured by this recommendation: aggravated sentencing ranges, extraordinary risk crimes, and mandatory minimum sentences. These enhancements are interrelated and require considerable analysis to understand the impact of any specific modification.