

**Proposed Bill Concept from the Universal Definition Working Group  
For the September 13, 2023 Recidivism Interim Committee Meeting  
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Bill Concept:

All state agencies and departments that monitor and report on recidivism, including but not limited to the judicial department, the department of corrections, the division of youth services, the parole board and the department of public safety and the office of community corrections in the department of public safety, shall develop by **(insert date and probably more clarity on the process of getting the group together)** a shared definition of criminal justice recidivism to be used by each state agency or department (starting???) for data collections and when reporting on recidivism in any document or report issued by the agency or department. This shared definition shall not be exclusive and may be reported in addition to any other metrics deemed necessary and/or relevant to the mission of the agency or to meet their needs of the agency.

**Note: There are members of this working group that support the above legislative language/effort and do not recommend including anything further in statute. They do not support inserting the language as presented below.**

**There are members that support further parameters and believe further statutory direction is valuable and necessary for the group finalizing the recidivism definition language.**

**See language below:**

The shared definition developed pursuant to this section shall include, but is not limited to:

- A clearly defined measurement point to start tracking both pre-release ( recidivism while person is still under supervision) and post-release recidivism (recidivism after a person is no longer under supervision) within each agency and /or department
- A clear definition of the cohort to be tracked within each agency and /or department
- **Scenario A:** The recidivism event which shall be defined as a new deferred agreement, adjudication or conviction for a felony or misdemeanor offense. The recidivism event shall further be reported separately by each department or agency indicating whether the recidivism event was a misdemeanor offense, a felony offense or a felony COV (crime of violence as defined in statute) offense. (NOTE: This is the language currently used by DYS and juvenile and adult probation. YOS divides into specific tracking of misdemeanor, felony and violent felony. This is included to track in some ways the severity level of the recidivism event ))
- **OR Scenario B:** The recidivism event which shall be defined as new criminal conviction and shall not include a technical violation of probation or parole supervision.
- **OR Scenario C:???**
- A clearly defined follow up time period which includes the time intervals or intervals for which recidivism will be measured relevant to the definition and consistent with best practices.