CHAPTER 392

CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE

SENATE BILL 23-088

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AN ACT

CONCERNING AN OFFENDER'S ELIGIBILITY FOR RELEASE FROM CONFINEMENT.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-11.3-103, add (8) as follows:

16-11.3-103. Duties of commission - mission - staffing - report - definition - repeal. (8) On or before June 30, 2023, the commission shall submit a report to the general assembly concerning the commission's, including any commission task force's, study of sentencing reform. The report must include a summary of the commission's work to date and an update on the status of the commission's and any task force's efforts to address clarity and certainty in the current criminal sentencing scheme, including ways to provide the public, including victims, defendants, and their families, clarity regarding the amount of time that must be served on each sentence imposed by the court prior to a defendant's parole eligibility.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

Approved: June 6, 2023

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