



CRIMINAL PUNISHMENT CODE TASK FORCE (Draft) Minutes

August 14, 2019 at 1:00 PM

Tallahassee, Florida

I. Members Present:

The Honorable Ashley Moody
Professor Michael Morley
Professor John Stinneford
The Honorable Melissa Nelson
The Honorable Michael Andrews
Sheriff Christopher Nocco
Chief Melanie Bevan
Senator Jason Pizzo
The Honorable Larry Eger
Sheriff William Snyder
The Honorable Bernie McCabe
The Honorable Donna Mcintosh
The Honorable Michelle Sisco
Present via conference line:
Secretary Simone Marsteller
The Honorable Charles E. Williams

Absent:

Kenneth Steely

II. The Task Force

Attorney General Ashley Moody welcomed the Task Force. There was a discussion of the purpose of the Task Force, established by chapter 2019-167, Laws of Florida. A report to The Legislature is required by June 30, 2020.

Pat Gleason of the Department of Legal Affairs gave a brief overview of the Sunshine Law and its applicability to Task Force and subcommittee meetings.

Attorney General Moody discussed Task Force meeting dates. The next meeting will take place on October 4, 2019 in Tampa. The tentative schedule is as follows:

January 17, 2020 Tampa, Florida

March 27, 2020 Miami, Florida

May 15, 2020 Tampa, Florida

The Honorable Bernie McCabe gave a historical overview of Florida's Criminal Punishment Code. Mr. McCabe discussed historical events and legal developments that led to the passage of sentencing enhancements and mandatory minimums.

Attorney General Moody discussed Task Force subcommittees, which are as follows:

1. Scoresheets – This subcommittee will look at scoresheets, the points assessed to offenses, and offense severity rankings to ensure they are consistent with the Code's principles.
2. Enhancements – This subcommittee will look at enhancements, multipliers and mandatory minimums. This will include "Habitual Felony Offender", "Habitual Violent Felony Offender", and "Prison Releasee Reoffender".
3. Non-Prison Sanctions – This subcommittee will look at alternatives to incarceration, particularly in state prisons, along with diversion programs, specialty courts and departures.

Task Force members were asked to submit to staff their requests for subcommittee assignments. Attorney General Moody will select subcommittee members and chairs and will announce subcommittee assignments. Subcommittees were encouraged to convene prior to the next Task Force meeting in October.

Richard Martin with the Department of Legal Affairs gave a presentation of the Task Force's working binder.

A video recording of the Task Force's August meeting can be accessed via The Florida Channel's website.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2 P.M.