

(H) THE COMMISSION SHALL HOLD AT LEAST ANNUALLY A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING THE ISSUES THAT ARE BEING STUDIED BY THE COMMISSION.

(I) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET THE COMMISSION MAY EMPLOY A STAFF SELECTED BY THE CHAIRPERSON.

~~(J) THE FOLLOWING STATE UNITS SHALL COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE COMMISSION:~~

- ~~(1) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION;~~
- ~~(2) THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES;~~
- ~~(3) THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS;~~
- ~~(4) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES;~~
- ~~(5) THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT;~~
- ~~(6) THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE;~~
- ~~(7) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE; AND~~
- ~~(8) THE STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES.~~

~~(K)~~ (J) ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND UNITS OF STATE GOVERNMENT SHALL COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE COMMISSION.

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(A) SUBJECT TO REVISION BY THE COMMISSION, AND AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL SENTENCING POLICY, THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT:

~~(1) EXISTING SENTENCING GUIDELINES FOR SENTENCING WITHIN THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY LAW WHICH SHALL BE CONSIDERED BY THE SENTENCING COURT IN DETERMINING THE APPROPRIATE SENTENCE FOR DEFENDANTS WHO PLEAD GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE TO, OR WHO WERE FOUND GUILTY OF CRIMES IN A CIRCUIT COURT; AND~~

~~(2) THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MARYLAND CRIMINAL SENTENCING POLICY COMMISSION CONCERNING THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES.~~

(B) THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES SHALL:

(1) SPECIFY THE RANGE OF SENTENCES APPLICABLE TO CRIMES OF A GIVEN DEGREE OF SERIOUSNESS;

(2) SPECIFY A RANGE OF INCREASED SEVERITY FOR DEFENDANTS PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED OF OR ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT FOR ONE OR MORE CRIMES BEFORE THE CURRENT OFFENSE; AND

(3) PROVIDE A LIST OF AGGRAVATING OR MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES.