

Subject Requiring reporting regarding sentencing of military veterans

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Overview

In 2021, the legislature passed a law to address sentences of current and former members of the military who commit criminal offenses because of conditions that resulted from the person's service. That law is referred to as the Veterans Restorative Justice Act. The section allows qualifying current and former members of the military to avoid a criminal conviction if the person follows the conditions of the sentence. The process can be used in Veterans Treatment Court, but applies in all cases involving current and former members of the military if the person qualifies.

This bill would require courts to report certain information about individuals who receive a sentence that does not include an adjudication of guilt to the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines and also require the courts to report on individuals who violate the terms of a sentence and are then adjudicated guilty. The Guidelines Commission must compile the data and provide an annual report to the legislature.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Reporting.</p> <p>Requires a court that imposes a deferred sentence under the section authorizing certain sentences for current and former members of the military to prepare a deferred sentence report that contains specific information. Requires the court to prepare a violation report if the military member violates probation and the court adjudicates the person guilty of an offense. Requires the court to submit the reports to the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission. Directs the commission to compile the data and submit an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over public safety and veterans and military affairs.</p> |
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