

First Supplement to Memorandum 2002-47**Criminal Sentencing Statutes (Consultant Comment)**

The staff received an email from Brian Gurwitz, one of three Commission consultants on the criminal sentencing study. He agrees with the staff's recommendation that further work on sentencing reform be put on the back burner for now:

I strongly concur with the CLRC staff recommendation that sentencing issues be put on the back burner in the coming year. I see no compelling need for any "nonsubstantive" sentencing changes that are significant enough to be worthy of CLRC's time. I also tend to think that anything more substantive (i.e., changes that go beyond those that were made by AB 2173) would be virtually impossible to achieve with anything even remotely resembling agreement by the players.

Respectfully submitted,

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