



Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission

Supreme Court of Virginia Building • 100 North Ninth Street • Richmond, Virginia 23219
Tel. 804.225.4398 • Fax 804.786.3934 • www.vcsc.virginia.gov

Hon. Dennis L. Hupp (Ret.)
Chairman

Jody Fridley
Acting Director

Sentencing Commission Study of §§ 17.1-805 & 19.2-297.1

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

1:00 p.m.

**Richard P. Kern Memorial Conference Room
Supreme Court of Virginia Building, Fifth Floor**

- 1) **Call to Order** - Judge Dennis L. Hupp (Ret.), Chairman
- 2) **Review of Resource Document** - Staff
 - i) Review the document
 - ii) Answer questions from members and invited guests
 - iii) Display study results upon request
- 3) **Utility of Merging §§ 17.1-805 and 19.2-297.1 into One List**
 - i) **Proceed with Comprehensive Alignment and Review**
 - (1) Identify Offenses to be **Removed**
 - § 19.2-297.1 (First)
 - § 17.1-805 (Second)
 - (2) Identify Offenses to be **Added**
 - § 19.2-297.1 (First)
 - § 17.1-805 (Second)
 - ii) **Or Proceed with a Focused Review**
 - (1) **Recommend Stakeholders Propose Legislation**
 - (a) Address impact of §§ 17.1-805 and 19.2-297.1 on other statutes or programs
 - (b) Suggest proposals similar to VCSC's approach (e.g., proposing § 17.1-805.1)
 - (c) Avoid modifying current statutes directly
 - (2) **Refine Lists Separately**
 - (a) Identify **Overlooked Offenses**
 - (b) Identify **Problematic Issues** with HB 2456 (expand scope to include § 19.2-297.1)
 - (c) Focus on **Offenses Impacting Sentencing Guidelines Only**
 - (3) **Recommend No Changes**
- 4) **If Needed, Schedule Zoom Meeting to Approve Final Report**
End of September or First Week of October

PUBLIC NOTICE

This meeting is open to the public. There will be an opportunity for public comment (3 minutes per person) after completion of the agenda. If you are unable to attend in person, you may submit written comments to jfridley@vacourts.gov, via fax to 804.786.3934, or via mail to our office.

The Sentencing Commission will not change the method by which the meeting will be held (in-person or virtual) unless a new meeting notice is provided in accordance with the provisions of § 2.2-3707.