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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

No. **780** Session of  
2019

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INTRODUCED BY FARNESE, FONTANA, LEACH, HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE,  
BREWSTER, SCHWANK AND COSTA, JUNE 20, 2019

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REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JUNE 20, 2019

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in judicial boards and  
3 commissions, further providing for publication of guidelines  
4 for sentencing, resentencing and parole, risk assessment  
5 instrument and recommitment ranges following revocation.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 2155(a)(1) of Title 42 of the  
9 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

10 § 2155. Publication of guidelines for sentencing, resentencing  
11 and parole, risk assessment instrument and  
12 recommitment ranges following revocation.

13 (a) General rule.--The commission shall:

14 (1) Prior to adoption, publish in the Pennsylvania  
15 Bulletin all proposed sentencing guidelines, resentencing  
16 guidelines following revocation of probation, county  
17 intermediate punishment and State intermediate punishment,  
18 parole guidelines, risk assessment instrument and  
19 recommitment ranges following revocation by the board of

1 paroles granted, and hold public hearings not earlier than 30  
2 days and not later than 60 days thereafter to afford an  
3 opportunity for the following persons and organizations to  
4 testify:

5 (i) Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association.

6 (ii) Chiefs of Police Associations.

7 (iii) Fraternal Order of Police.

8 (iv) Public Defenders Organization.

9 (v) Law school faculty members.

10 (vi) State Board of Probation and Parole.

11 (vii) Department of Corrections.

12 (viii) Pennsylvania Bar Association.

13 (ix) Pennsylvania Wardens Association.

14 (x) Pennsylvania Association on Probation, Parole  
15 and Corrections.

16 (xi) Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges.

17 (xii) Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense  
18 Lawyers.

19 (xiii) Office of Victim Advocate.

20 (ix) County Commissioners Association of  
21 Pennsylvania.

22 (x) Any other interested person or organization.

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24 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.