

CHAPTER 122

(HB 136)

AN ACT relating to corrections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 439.3103 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) By December 1 of each year~~[-beginning in 2012,-]~~ the department shall submit to the Governor, the ***Legislative Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary***~~[General Assembly]~~, and the Chief Justice a comprehensive report on its efforts to implement evidence-based practices to reduce recidivism. The report shall include at a minimum:
 - (a) The percentage of supervised individuals being supervised in accordance with evidence-based practices;
 - (b) The percentage of state moneys expended by the department for programs that are evidence based, and a list of all programs with identification of which are evidence based;
 - (c) Specification of supervision policies, procedures, programs, and practices that were created, modified, or eliminated;~~[-and]~~
 - (d) The department's recommendations for resource allocation, and any additional collaboration with other state, regional, or local public agencies, private entities, or faith-based and community organizations;
 - (e) *A length of stay report on time served by first time incarcerated individuals released from the department's custody, which shall include for each offense the:*
 1. *Number of persons released;*
 2. *Average sentence in days;*
 3. *Average time served in days;*
 4. *Average percentage of the sentence served;*
 5. *Percentage of persons released on supervision; and*
 6. *Number of persons released who were serving a life sentence or a life sentence without benefit of probation or parole until he or she has served a minimum of twenty-five (25) years of his or her sentence, and the average time served in days; and*
 - (f) *A report on persons released from the department's custody on supervision that shall include the following:*
 1. *Demographic information, including but not limited to:*
 - a. *Gender;*
 - b. *Race;*
 - c. *Age group at the time of release;*
 - d. *Parental status, and if the person is a parent, whether he or she has any form of custody of his or her children; and*
 - e. *Gang affiliation;*
 2. *Case information, including but not limited to:*
 - a. *Education level upon release;*
 - b. *The number of dependents upon release;*
 - c. *The crime of conviction;*
 - d. *Whether the person was sentenced on or after July 15, 2024; and*
 - e. *The number of days in custody prior to release;*

3. *Count of:*
 - a. *Prior community supervision periods; and*
 - b. *Community supervision revocations;*
4. *Conditions of supervision, including but not limited to:*
 - a. *Mental health or substance abuse programming;*
 - b. *Cognitive skills or education programming; and*
 - c. *Any other condition of supervision;*
5. *Supervision activities, including but not limited to:*
 - a. *The number of technical violations;*
 - b. *The number of nontechnical violations;*
 - c. *The number of drug tests;*
 - d. *The percentage or number of positive drug tests;*
 - e. *The number of program completions while on supervision for which the offender received good time credits and attendance has been verified;*
 - f. *The number of jobs per year while on parole and the percentage of days employed while on parole; and*
 - g. *The number of residence changes to a new zip code during parole;*
6. *Prior criminal history, including the number of prior arrests and convictions; and*
7. *Rates of recidivism.*

(2) The department shall:

- (a) *Collect all data necessary to prepare the report and may promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to implement this section; and*
- (b) *Make the full report and an executive summary available to the general public on its ~~website~~^[Web site].*

➔Section 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Corrections shall procure a new inmate communications contract by January 1, 2026.

➔Section 3. Section 1 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

Veto Overridden March 27, 2025.