

SUBCHAPTER XIII. SENTENCING SERVICES PROGRAM.

Article 61.

Sentencing Services Program.

§ 7A-770. Purpose.

This Article shall be known and may be cited as the "Sentencing Services Act." The purpose of this Article is to establish a statewide sentencing services program that will provide the judicial system with information that will assist that system in imposing sentences that make the most effective use of available resources. In furtherance of this purpose, this Article provides for the following:

- (1) Establishment of local programs that can provide judges and other court officials with information about local correctional programs that are appropriate for offenders who require a comprehensive sentencing plan that combines punishment, control, and rehabilitation services.
- (2) Increased opportunities for certain felons to make restitution to victims of crime through financial reimbursement or community service.
- (3) Local involvement in the development of sentencing services to assure that they are specifically designed to meet local needs.
- (4) Effective use of available community corrections programs by advising judges and other court officials of the offenders most suited for a particular program. (1983, c. 909, s. 1; 1991, c. 566, ss. 2, 3; 1999-306, s. 1.)