



STATE SENATOR VERNON SYKES
28th District

December 1, 2023

Hon. Chief Justice Sharon Kennedy
Supreme Court of Ohio
65 S Front St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chief Justice Kennedy,

I write to request that the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission include certain data in its upcoming monitoring report as required by its duties to “study criminal sentencing structures” under R.C. 181.25. Specifically, I request that the Commission collect and analyze statistical data for each county on offenders incarcerated or under state community control as follows:

- Offense
- Sentence type
- Sentence Length
- Number seeking postconviction relief
- Types of postconviction relief sought
- Average time waiting for postconviction relief
- Success rate by type of postconviction relief sought
- Race
- Age
- Gender

I believe this data would aid the Commission in doing its duty and be invaluable to the legislature in its consideration of current and future legislation. I appreciate your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me if you or Commission staff have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vernon Sykes".

Senator Vernon Sykes
28th Senate District