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Year	Title	Finding	Link
2015	2015 Annual Report	“The Data Collection and Sharing Committee’s primary goals are to develop, coordinate, and identify ways to collect and promote methods for sharing appropriate data and information with justice system partners... Additionally, among the larger issues the committee is tackling is an Ohio-specific data primer report identifying statewide data collection, its use, and accessibility.”(p. 7)	<a href="http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Publications/criminalSentencing/2015CSCAR.pdf">http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Publications/criminalSentencing/2015CSCAR.pdf</a>
2016	Ad Hoc Committee on Rights Restoration and Record Sealing: Report and Recommendations	“In addition to recommending that the full Commission endorse this proposed redraft for publication and promulgation, the Ad Hoc Committee recommends that the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission, or perhaps another separate body within the Ohio court system seek to institute and promulgate standard data-recording and data-transmission processes for all courts statewide that receive and act on sealing and expungement applications. <b>As noted above, there is currently no statewide data on the operation of existing statutes and no entities committed to seeking to collect and assess how these statutes are functioning.</b> ” (p. 12)	<a href="http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/Sentencing/resources/commReports/rightsRestoration.pdf">http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/Sentencing/resources/commReports/rightsRestoration.pdf</a>



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2017	Addendum to the June 2017 Ad Hoc Committee on Bail and Pretrial Services Final Report & Recommendations	<p>“Criminal justice data in Ohio is disparate, mismatched and complex. Local and state agency data systems lack connectivity and sharing agreements are underutilized. Currently, in Ohio, each court operates independently resulting in varying levels of data collection and submission... Thus, the recommendations in the Ad Hoc Committee report are designed to promote consistent and uniform practices that realize fundamental fairness and promote public safety among counties and courts within counties... Despite an increase in initial costs to begin data collection, whether through new systems or updates to case management systems, collecting data is the only true measure of the effectiveness of bail practices and pretrial services. <b>The General Assembly must work with the Supreme Court of Ohio to determine cost for updates to all local case management systems or for development of a statewide collection capability.</b>” (p. 7)</p>	<a href="http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/Sentencing/resources/commReports/bailPretrialSvcsAdd.pdf">http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/Sentencing/resources/commReports/bailPretrialSvcsAdd.pdf</a>
2017	Ad Hoc Committee on Bail and Pretrial Services: Final Report & Recommendations	<p>“Additionally, the Ad Hoc Committee specifically recommends that data be collected regarding diversion programs and funding sources and data regarding diversion outcomes to measure the effectiveness of diversion programs. <b>There is currently no existing clearinghouse of information on funding sources and information on diversion. Knowing success and failure rates of any diversion program is paramount in determining if the diversion programs are effective and if any risk assessment screening for diversion is effective.</b>” (p. 22)</p>	<a href="http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/Sentencing/resources/commReports/bailPretrialSvcs.pdf">http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/Sentencing/resources/commReports/bailPretrialSvcs.pdf</a>
2017	HB365 Interested Party Testimony, House Criminal Justice Committee	<p>“Reoccurring themes include prison crowding, the complexity of the laws surrounding sentencing, increased funding for and targeted use of community punishments, responding to drug scourges and the preservation of prison beds for the most violent offenders. <b>The reality is that we are suffering from the cumulative</b></p>	<a href="file:///C:/Users/ivest/Downloads/HB365AndrewsSentencingOverview.pdf">file:///C:/Users/ivest/Downloads/HB365AndrewsSentencingOverview.pdf</a>



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		<p><b>effect of tinkering with sentencing structure on limited data sources and a crime-by-crime basis.</b> Continuing to advance criminal justice policy and legislation on narrow circumstances and data does not contribute to public safety or advance the administration of justice.” (p.6)</p>	
2017	Sentencing in the Heartland: A Perspective from Ohio	<p>“As an acknowledgement of the dearth of data about the criminal justice world outside of state prisons, much of the upcoming work of the Commission—despite the multifarious challenges—is a collaborative, careful, calculated, and exceptional effort to collect, analyze, and tell the story of case disposition data with explicit focus on what happens before prison, otherwise known as the system’s “front end,” where many decisions are made that impact both future judicial and corrections practices.” (p. 99)</p>	<p><a href="http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/Sentencing/resources/activities/FSRSentencingHeartland.pdf">http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/Sentencing/resources/activities/FSRSentencingHeartland.pdf</a></p>
2018	Impact of House Bill 86 & Sentencing-Related Legislation on the Incarcerated Population in Ohio	<p>“For the adult-criminal-justice system, further data collection is necessary to link arrest data, court records, and ODRC data. These data linkages can help us to further understand the impact that legislation has had on sentencing for specific types of crimes and offenders. Further, data on the community-sanctions population should be linked to court records and ODRC data to understand what programs work and for whom.” (p. 2)</p> <p>“The next step for JRI efforts in Ohio should be to improve data collection and data linkage standards throughout the system... Data collection targeted to answer specific questions around sentencing ultimately can help provide intelligence around the effectiveness of policies, by helping to target the most appropriate population to reduce the incarcerated population while preventing recidivism.” (p. 43)</p>	<p><a href="http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/Sentencing/resources/monitorRpts/HB86report.pdf">http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/Sentencing/resources/monitorRpts/HB86report.pdf</a></p>



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2019	The Data Disconnect: Adult Criminal Justice Data in Ohio	“Policy makers and criminal justice agencies must have relevant and complete information available to maximize public safety and develop sound, well-reasoned policy. The establishment of a shared criminal justice repository not only is an investment in an evidence-informed public policy decision-making process, it is an investment in a safer, fairer, and more cost-efficient criminal justice system” (p. 11)	<a href="http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/Sentencing/resources/general/dataBrief.pdf">http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/Sentencing/resources/general/dataBrief.pdf</a>
2019	Criminal Justice and Drug Sentencing Reform in Ohio after Issue 1	“How can Ohio break out of the infinite loop of underachieving or failed reform? The answer is movement toward a data-informed environment, and only the Commission can harness that data and lead the way. It is essential for future success, fundamental for true reform and consequential for every Ohioan. <b>Aggregating data in Ohio and across agencies can provide an unprecedented level of information for criminal justice system practitioners and policy makers.</b> That kind of information can be used to develop and implement new law enforcement interventions and policing strategies, refine extant criminal justice policies, leverage resources and programming to improve outcomes for the criminal justice involved population, and help inform judicial decision making. In other words, robust data and information translates to a safer, fairer, and more cost-efficient criminal justice system and guides people who need treatment into effective programs.” (p. 171)	<a href="http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/Sentencing/resources/activities/FSRFeb2019.pdf">http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/Sentencing/resources/activities/FSRFeb2019.pdf</a>
2019	Justice Reinvestment 2.0 in Ohio	Criminal justice data in Ohio are disconnected and spread across agencies and all levels of government, from district and municipal courts to local probation departments to state prisons. <b>As a result, Ohio lacks the necessary information to measure outcomes and determine whether policies and programs are working.</b> For example, locally-run probation departments supervise about a quarter of a million	<a href="http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/Sentencing/committees/justiceReinvest/twoPageSummaryDraft.pdf">http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/Sentencing/committees/justiceReinvest/twoPageSummaryDraft.pdf</a>



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		people, but the state lacks basic information about those people, including how many of them are on felony versus misdemeanor probation, their needs, and supervision violation information. (p. 1)	
2019	OJACC Spring Newsletter 2019 – “Connecting Adult Criminal Justice Data: Does it matter?”	“For criminal justice agencies and practitioners, there is no single centralized criminal justice data repository in Ohio. As a result, individuals are often searching multiple databases or systems- and sometimes having to do more than that- just to pull together needed information. We recently asked a group, during a presentation, to raise their hands if they had to search multiple databases or systems to find information about a person. Almost everyone in the room raised their hands. We then asked how many people had to additionally use the phone to call other jurisdictions to make sure they had the most recent information on that same offender, and almost half raised their hands... As the Commission moves forward in its work to enhance justice and ensure fair sentencing in Ohio, we believe that an aggregated criminal justice repository will allow all criminal justice partners to do the work they need to do - without having to make phone calls to piece together critical information.” (p. 4)	<a href="http://ojacc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/OJACC-Spring-2019-Newsletter-E.pdf">http://ojacc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/OJACC-Spring-2019-Newsletter-E.pdf</a>
2020	Justice Donnelly & Judge Headen Op Ed	“.....justice in Ohio would become more fair and sentences more consistent if the Ohio General Assembly would enact legislation to build and fund a data base and repository giving judges the tools and information needed to do their jobs in accord with the purposes and principles of felony sentencing already enacted into Ohio law.”	<a href="https://www.cleveland.com/opinion/2020/01/create-centralized-criminal-sentencing-database-to-reduce-mass-incarceration-in-ohio-michael-p-donnelly-and-ray-headen.html">https://www.cleveland.com/opinion/2020/01/create-centralized-criminal-sentencing-database-to-reduce-mass-incarceration-in-ohio-michael-p-donnelly-and-ray-headen.html</a> Op-Ed



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2020	<p>Cleveland Plain Dealer Editorial Board</p> <p>Judge Calabrese Letter to the Editor</p> <p>Judge John Russo Letter to the Editor</p>	<p><i>“Ohio needs a centralized criminal sentencing database to bring fairness and uniformity to judicial system”</i></p> <p><i>“More information will help bring fairness to sentencing”</i></p> <p><i>“Centralized criminal sentencing database is a great idea.....”</i></p>	<p><a href="https://www.cleveland.com/opinion/2020/01/ohio-needs-a-centralized-criminal-sentencing-database-to-bring-fairness-uniformity-to-judicial-system.html">https://www.cleveland.com/opinion/2020/01/ohio-needs-a-centralized-criminal-sentencing-database-to-bring-fairness-uniformity-to-judicial-system.html</a> PD Editorial</p> <p><a href="https://www.cleveland.com/letters/2020/01/more-information-will-help-bring-fairness-to-sentencing.html">https://www.cleveland.com/letters/2020/01/more-information-will-help-bring-fairness-to-sentencing.html</a> Judge Phil Calabrese Letter to the Editor</p> <p><a href="https://www.cleveland.com/letters/2020/01/centralized-criminal-sentencing-database-is-a-great-idea-could-blockchain-help-make-it-happen.html">https://www.cleveland.com/letters/2020/01/centralized-criminal-sentencing-database-is-a-great-idea-could-blockchain-help-make-it-happen.html</a> Judge John J. Russo Letter to the Editor</p>
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2020	Cleveland Bar Association Hot Talk		<a href="https://www.facebook.com/CleMetroBar/videos/475452980070988/?t=0">https://www.facebook.com/CleMetroBar/videos/475452980070988/?t=0</a> Cleveland Bar Association Hot Talk.
	Sara Andrews Letter to the Editor	<i>"Creating a centralized criminal sentencing database in Ohio is fundamental to fairness and justice"</i>	<a href="https://www.cleveland.com/letters/2020/02/creating-a-centralized-criminal-sentencing-database-in-ohio-is-fundamental-to-fairness-and-justice.html">https://www.cleveland.com/letters/2020/02/creating-a-centralized-criminal-sentencing-database-in-ohio-is-fundamental-to-fairness-and-justice.html</a>
	Sound Of Ideas	<i>"Judges make case for data driven approach to sentencing....."</i>	<a href="https://www.ideastream.org/programs/sound-of-ideas/judges-make-case-for-data-driven-approach-to-sentencing-manufacturing-jobs-reports">https://www.ideastream.org/programs/sound-of-ideas/judges-make-case-for-data-driven-approach-to-sentencing-manufacturing-jobs-reports</a>



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2020	Justices Call for Statewide Sentencing Database	<i>"statewide sentencing database.....the keystone to criminal justice reform and racial fairness."</i>	<a href="http://www.courtnewsohio.gov/bench/2020/CJReform071520.asp#.X0f00chKh_Y">http://www.courtnewsohio.gov/bench/2020/CJReform071520.asp#.X0f00chKh_Y</a>
	Supreme Court Justice Calls for Plea Agreement Reform	<i>"Truth or Consequences: Making the Case for Transparency and Reform in the Plea Negotiation Process."</i>	<a href="http://www.courtnewsohio.gov/bench/2020/donnellyArticle_070220.asp#.X0f30chKh_Y">http://www.courtnewsohio.gov/bench/2020/donnellyArticle_070220.asp#.X0f30chKh_Y</a>
	Editorial Board cleveland.com and The Plain Dealer	<i>"Ohio Supreme Court justices are right to make statewide sentencing database a priority"</i>	<a href="https://www.cleveland.com/opinion/2020/08/ohio-supreme-court-justices-are-right-to-make-statewide-sentencing-database-a-priority.html">https://www.cleveland.com/opinion/2020/08/ohio-supreme-court-justices-are-right-to-make-statewide-sentencing-database-a-priority.html</a>





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2020	Creating a Felony Sentencing Database: Moving Ohio Forward	<i>"The Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission is embarking on an effort to create a felony sentencing database.....to inform judicial decision-making, and contribute to a safer, fairer, and more cost-efficient criminal justice system."</i>	<a href="https://osu.zoom.us/rec/share/xu9UE4HhyUNJHoXS4UruQfQ5Fa7HX6a80CMcqfoLzEb6C4BWMRzvW4YE8jnd0GdP">https://osu.zoom.us/rec/share/xu9UE4HhyUNJHoXS4UruQfQ5Fa7HX6a80CMcqfoLzEb6C4BWMRzvW4YE8jnd0GdP</a>
	.....Sentencing database	<i>"As repairs to vandalized Ohio Supreme Court are completed, Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor pushes for reforms"</i>	<a href="https://www.cleveland.com/open/2020/08/as-repairs-to-vandalized-ohio-supreme-court-are-completed-chief-justice-maureen-oconnor-pushes-for-reforms.html">https://www.cleveland.com/open/2020/08/as-repairs-to-vandalized-ohio-supreme-court-are-completed-chief-justice-maureen-oconnor-pushes-for-reforms.html</a>