

**532.007 Commonwealth's sentencing policy.**

It is the sentencing policy of the Commonwealth of Kentucky that:

- (1) The primary objective of sentencing shall be to maintain public safety and hold offenders accountable while reducing recidivism and criminal behavior and improving outcomes for those offenders who are sentenced;
- (2) Reduction of recidivism and criminal behavior is a key measure of the performance of the criminal justice system;
- (3) Sentencing judges shall consider:
  - (a) Beginning July 1, 2013, the results of a defendant's risk and needs assessment included in the presentence investigation; and
  - (b) The likely impact of a potential sentence on the reduction of the defendant's potential future criminal behavior;
- (4) All supervision and treatment programs provided for defendants shall utilize evidence-based practices to reduce the likelihood of future criminal behavior; and
- (5) All supervision and treatment programs shall be evaluated at regular intervals to measure and ensure reduction of criminal behavior by defendants in the criminal justice system.

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