

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SENTENCE AND EXECUTION

Introduced By: Representatives Batista, Potter, Felix, Morales, Alzate, and Giraldo

Date Introduced: March 04, 2022

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 12-19-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 12-19 entitled "Sentence and
2 Execution" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **12-19-9. Violation of terms of probation -- Notice to attorney general -- Revocation or**
4 **continuation of suspension.**

5 (a) Whenever any person who has been placed on probation pursuant to ~~§ 12-9-8~~ § 12-19-
6 8 violates the terms and conditions of his or her probation as fixed by the court, the police or the
7 probation authority shall inform the attorney general of the violation, and the attorney general shall
8 cause the defendant to appear before the court. The department of corrections division of
9 rehabilitative services shall promptly render a report relative to the conduct of the defendant, and
10 the information contained in any report under § 12-13-24.1. The division of rehabilitative services
11 may recommend that the time served up to that point is a sufficient response to a violation that is
12 not a new alleged crime. ~~The court may order the defendant held without bail for a period not~~
13 ~~exceeding ten (10) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.~~ The court shall release the
14 defendant, pending a probation violation hearing, upon his or her own recognizance, unless
15 reasonable surety is required to assure the defendant's appearance in court.

16 (b) The court shall conduct a hearing within thirty (30) days of arrest unless waived by the
17 defendant to determine whether the defendant has violated the terms and conditions of his or her
18 probation, at which hearing the defendant shall have the opportunity to be present and to respond.
19 Upon a determination by a fair preponderance of the evidence that the defendant has violated the

1 terms and conditions of his or her probation, the court, in open court and in the presence of the
2 defendant, may:

3 (1) Remove the suspension and order the defendant committed on the sentence previously
4 imposed, or on a lesser sentence;

5 (2) Impose a sentence if one has not been previously imposed;

6 (3) Stay all or a portion of the sentence imposed after removal of the suspension;

7 (4) Continue the suspension of a sentence previously imposed; or

8 (5) Convert a sentence of probation without incarceration to a suspended sentence.

9 (c) The court shall sentence for a violation under subsection (b) of this section in
10 accordance with judicial sentencing benchmarks.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the setting of bail for defendants coming before the court as alleged
2 probation violators.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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