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Introduced by Representative LaLonde of South Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Crimes and criminal procedure; sentencing; community impact

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow the State to present, and directs the court to consider, information regarding the impact of the defendant’s offense on family, neighbors, employers, and the community at the sentencing hearing.

An act relating to consideration of community impact at sentencing hearing

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 7046 is added to read:

§ 7046. COMMUNITY IMPACT

The State may present information at sentencing regarding the impact of the defendant’s offense on the defendant’s family, neighbors, employers, and community, and the court shall consider such factors in determining an appropriate sentence.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.