



2023 AMENDMENTS IN BRIEF

In April 2023, the U.S. Sentencing Commission promulgated amendments to the federal sentencing guidelines. For a more detailed discussion of the policy determinations made by the Commission, please refer to the *Reason for Amendment* in the “Reader-Friendly” and Official Text (link in QR code).

Amendment #815

Crime Legislation

In addition to amendments separately addressing the First Step Act and Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, this multi-part amendment responds to the following recently enacted legislation largely by amending Appendix A (Statutory Index) to reference new offenses established by the Acts:

- FDA Reauthorization Act of 2017
- Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act
- FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018
- SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act
- Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Victim Assistance Act
- Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act
- National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020
- Representative Payee Fraud Prevention Act
- Stop Student Debt Relief Scams Act
- Protecting Lawful Streaming Act
- William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021

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Commission Quorum

After four years, the Commission was faced an abbreviated amendment cycle and a backlog of policy work. The Commission lost a voting quorum shortly after enactment of the First Step Act, preventing the Commission from responding to congressional directives and amending the federal sentencing guidelines in light of new legislation.



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