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ocation. These changes are intended to better allocate taxpayer dollars and probation resources, encourage compliance and improve public safety, and facilitate the reentry and rehabilitation of defendants.

This chapter proceeds in two parts: Part B addresses violations of probation, and Part C addresses violations of supervised release. Both parts maintain an approach in which the court addresses primarily the defendant’s failure to comply with court-ordered conditions, while reflecting, to a limited degree, the seriousness of the underlying violation and the criminal history of the individual. The Commission determined that violations of probation and supervised release should be addressed separately to reflect their different purposes. While probation serves all the goals of sentencing, including punishment, supervised release primarily “fulfills rehabilitative ends, distinct from those served by incarceration.” *United States v. Johnson*, 529 U.S. 53, 59 (2000). In light of these differences, Part B continues to recommend revocation for most probation violations. Part C encourages courts to consider a graduated response to a violation of supervised release, including considering all available options focused on facilitating a defendant’s transition into the community and promoting public safety. Parts B and C both recognize the important role of the court, which is best situated to consider the individual defendant’s risks and needs and respond accordingly within its broad discretion.

*Historical
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Effective November 1, 1990 (amendment 362). Amended effective November 1, 2002 (amendment 646); November 1, 2009 (amendment 733); November 1, 2023 (amendment 824); November 1, 2025 (amendment 835).

§§7A1.1 – 7A1.4 [Deleted]

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Sections 7A1.1 (Reporting of Violations of Probation and Supervised Release), 7A1.2 (Revocation of Probation), 7A1.3 (Revocation of Supervised Release), and 7A1.4 (No Credit for Time Under Supervision), effective November 1, 1987, were deleted as part of an overall revision of this chapter effective November 1, 1990 (amendment 362).