

AN ACT

of the Parliament of the Bayer Free State
No. 1 of 2023

Be it enacted by this Parliament, That, this Act shall be cited as the “2023 Criminal (Amendment) Act”.

Article 1. Purpose of sentencing

The following shall be amended before Article 9 Section 1 of the “2022 Criminal Act”:

Section A

The fundamental purpose of sentencing is to:

- protect society from dangers caused by an individual;
- assist to rehabilitate the offender;
- promote a sense of responsibility for the offender
- acknowledge harms caused by the offender to the community or the victims; and
- pay reparations for harms done to victims or to the community.

Article 1. Alternative Sanctions and Punishments

The following shall be amended to the beginning of Article 9 Section 1 of the “2022 Criminal Act”:

Section 1.A

All available sanctions and punishments, other than those listed in Section 1, that are reasonable and consistent with the harm done to the victims or community should be considered, and the Defendant shall reserve the right to choose whether or not to accept the alternative punishments over those listed in Section 1, if offered.

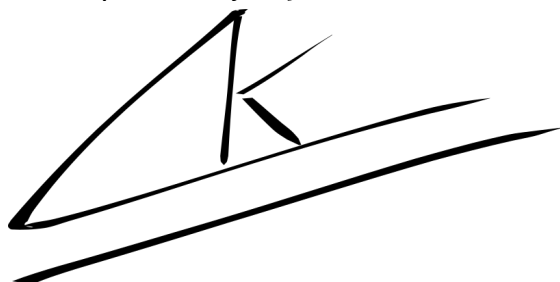
Article 2. Procedure for Imposing Alternative Sanctions and Punishments

The following shall be appended to Article 30 Section 2 of the “2022 Criminal Proceeding Act”:

c) Before imposing sentence:

- the court must consider any alternative sanction or punishment if it deems appropriate
 - if the court deems so, the court must allow the defendant to choose between punishments listed in Article 9 Section 1 of the “2022 Criminal Act” or the offered alternative punishment.
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I certify that, this document is a fair and authentic copy of an Act which originated from, and is approved by the required majority of Parliament

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Speaker of Parliament

In witness whereof, I have approved and set my hand on this document on this first day of the month of January, in the year two thousand and twenty-three, and in the fourth year of our State.

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Head of State