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Senate Bill 937 (as introduced 5-3-16)  
Sponsor: Senator Marty Knollenberg  
Committee: Michigan Competitiveness

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**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Corrections Code to define "recidivism" as follows: the rearrest, reconviction, and reincarceration in prison or jail of an individual within three and five years of his or her release from incarceration, placement on probation, or conviction, whichever is later, and probation and parole violations as well as misdemeanor and felony convictions, if recidivism data regarding technical probation and parole violations are collected and maintained separately from data on new felony or misdemeanor convictions.

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

(Currently, two sections of the Code use the term "recidivism". Section 33e requires the Department of Corrections to develop parole guidelines, taking into consideration various factors; allows the Parole Board to depart from the guidelines under certain circumstances; and requires the Department, at least every two years, to review the correlation between the implementation of the parole guidelines and the recidivism rate of paroled prisoners.

Section 34a provides for the placement of a prisoner in a special alternative incarceration unit and requires the Department to report annually to the Legislature regarding the impact of the section, including a report concerning recidivism.)

Proposed MCL 791.208a

Legislative Analyst: Suzanne Lowe

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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