

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 1690

AS OF MARCH 29, 1991

Brief Description: Changing juvenile disposition standards.

SPONSORS: House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Riley, Ludwig and Scott).

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Staff: Jack Brummel (786-7428)

Hearing Dates: April 4, 1991

BACKGROUND:

For sentencing purposes, juvenile offenders are assigned points based on their current offense, age, and recency of previous offenses and are categorized as minor or first offenders, middle offenders, or serious offenders. Standard sentencing ranges provide that serious offenders shall receive confinement, middle offenders may receive confinement, and minor or first offenders do not receive confinement.

SUMMARY:

A juvenile offender who has been convicted of promoting prostitution in the first degree or a violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act--narcotic sale will not be considered a minor or first offender. The offense categories used in sentencing a juvenile offender are increased from 10 to 13 and the age categories are reduced from six to three. The categories for previous offenses are 1-12 months and 13 months or more. The penalties for dealing drugs within 1,000 feet of a school or school bus stop are increased.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: available

Effective Date: July 1, 1991