

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SHB 2003

As Passed House
March 10, 1993

Title: An act relating to juvenile offenders.

Brief Description: Affecting juvenile offenders.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Human Services (originally sponsored by Representative Morris.)

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Human Services, March 3, 1993, DPS;
Passed House, March 10, 1993, 94-0.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Riley, Vice Chair; Cooke, Ranking Minority Member; Talcott, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Brown; Lisk; Padden; Patterson; Thibaudeau; and Wolfe.

Staff: David Knutson (786-7146).

Background: The crime of "stalking" was established by statute during the 1992 Legislative Session. It is not currently referenced in the juvenile sentencing schedule. The definition of a "middle offender" is complex and created some uncertainty in some juvenile courts.

Summary of Bill: Stalking with no prior stalkings and stalking with prior stalkings are added to the juvenile disposition sentencing schedule. The definition of "middle offender" is clarified and simplified.

Fiscal Note: Requested March 1, 1993.

Appropriation: The substitute bill removes the \$5 million appropriation from the general fund to the Department of Social and Health Services.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: These technical changes to the juvenile sentencing schedule are necessary to ensure the uniform, speedy administration of justice.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: (Pro): Representative Morris, prime sponsor; Alex Barkis, Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys; Jerry Wasson, Department of Social and Health Services; and John Turner and Keith Anderson, Juvenile Sentencing Commission.