

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6532

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SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED

Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to release of criminally insane persons.

SPONSORS: Senators Wojahn, Talmadge, Deccio, Moore, Moyer, Spanel, M. Rasmussen and Oke

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

BACKGROUND:

Recently, a criminally insane person was released from a state mental institution without notice to the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). If DSHS had been given notice, it would have objected.

There is a belief that the law should be clarified to ensure that the court is fully informed before entering a release order.

SUMMARY:

A court may not release a criminally insane person from an institution, for either a conditional release or furlough, without a hearing, unless the Secretary of DSHS agrees to the release. If the Secretary of DSHS does not agree with the release, the court must hold a hearing regarding the conditional release or furlough.

VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:

Senate	46	0
House	94	0

EFFECTIVE: June 9, 1994