
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1178

State of Washington

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By House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections (originally sponsored by Representatives Quall and Wolfe; by request of Governor Lowry)

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1 AN ACT Relating to sentencing requirements for nonviolent offenders
2 who violate drug laws; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislative committee on criminal
5 sentencing options available for drug offenders is created.

6 The purpose of the committee is to review adult criminal justice
7 sentencing options available for drug offenders who possess or sell
8 controlled substances and offenders who may be chemically dependent.

9 In conducting the review, the committee must meet with
10 representatives from local law enforcement agencies, judges, defense
11 attorneys, prosecutors, representatives from the department of
12 corrections, representatives from the juvenile rehabilitation
13 administration, and representatives from the state and county drug and
14 alcohol substance abuse and treatment programs, and the committee shall
15 solicit the views and technical assistance of substance abuse experts
16 in corrections disciplines.

17 (2) The committee shall consist of twelve members, appointed in the
18 following manner:

1 (a) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint six
2 members to the committee as follows:

3 Three members from each of the caucuses of the house of
4 representatives, of whom three members must be from the house of
5 representatives committee on law and justice and three members must be
6 from the house of representatives committee on criminal justice and
7 corrections.

8 (b) The president of the senate shall appoint six members of the
9 committee as follows:

10 Three members from each of the caucuses of the senate, of whom
11 three members must be from the senate law and justice committee and
12 three members must be from the senate human services and corrections
13 committee.

14 The members of the committee shall elect cochairs, one who is a
15 member of the house of representatives and one who is a member of the
16 senate.

17 Staff support for the committee shall be provided by the office of
18 program research in the house of representatives and by senate
19 committee services in the senate.

20 (3) The committee's final report and recommendations for
21 legislation shall be submitted to the appropriate committees of the
22 house of representatives and the senate by December 31, 1997.

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