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Sponsor(s): Senator Benton

Brief Title: Implementing a chain gang work program.

**SB 5040 - DIGEST**

Directs the secretary to develop a class III correctional industries program that requires nonviolent inmates of an institution to perform hard labor which is suited to the inmate's age, gender, physical and mental condition, and strength in the institution proper or at such places as may be determined by the secretary.

Declares that the employment of inmates in hard labor shall not displace employed workers, shall not be applied to skills, crafts, or trades in which a local surplus of labor exists, and shall not impair existing contracts of employment or services as defined by the correctional industries advisory board.

Directs the department of corrections to implement the hard labor chain gang program by July 1, 1998.