

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5233

As Passed Senate, March 13, 1999

Title: An act relating to civil service exemptions within the department of corrections.

Brief Description: Exempting specified positions within the department of corrections from civil service laws.

Sponsors: Senators Patterson, Horn, McCaslin, Kline, Gardner, Haugen and Winsley; by request of Department of Corrections.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor & Workforce Development: 2/11/99, 2/23/99 [DP].
Passed Senate, 3/13/99, 41-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Franklin, Vice Chair; Hochstatter, Kline and Wojahn.

Staff: David Pringle (786-7448)

Background: In 1997 the Department of Corrections internally reorganized. The restructuring changed some senior job titles from those listed in current statutes as civil service exempt. Personal secretaries of the deputy secretaries and assistant deputy secretaries are not currently exempt.

Summary of Bill: The titles of the Department of Corrections' positions exempt from coverage of civil service law are updated to reflect current organizational structure. Exempt status is extended to all deputy secretaries and their personal secretaries, all assistant deputy secretaries and their personal secretaries, all regional administrators and program administrators.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: Currently three positions that are not exempt would become exempt. This bill is largely housekeeping in nature.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: PRO: Jenny Adkins, Department of Corrections.