

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5466

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Human Services & Corrections, February 5, 1999
Ways & Means, February 17, 1999

Title: An act relating to sanctions for violating conditions of the juvenile offender basic training camp program.

Brief Description: Revising sanctions for violating conditions of the juvenile offender basic training camp program.

Sponsors: Senators Costa, Long, Hargrove and Winsley; by request of Department of Social and Health Services.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 2/2/99, 2/5/99 [DP].
Ways & Means: 2/15/99, 2/17/99 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Hargrove, Chair; Costa, Vice Chair; Franklin, Kohl-Welles, Long, Patterson, Sheahan, Stevens and Zarelli.

Staff: Lynn Hale (786-7430)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Loveland, Chair; Bauer, Vice Chair; Brown, Vice Chair; Fairley, Fraser, Honeyford, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Long, McDonald, Rasmussen, Rossi, B. Sheldon, Snyder, Spanel, West and Wojahn.

Staff: Bryon Moore (786-7726)

Background: Concern exists over the level of accountability for juvenile offenders involved in the Basic Training Camp Aftercare Program. A juvenile offender who successfully graduates from the basic training camp program spends the remainder of his disposition on parole. Under current law, a juvenile who violates any condition of the disposition may be subject to a revocation of parole up to a 30-day confinement, execution of the disposition, or both.

It has been suggested that the Legislature could increase public safety and ensure accountability by giving the Department of Social and Health Services the ability to increase

parole conditions or return a juvenile to a juvenile rehabilitation facility for the remainder of the juvenile's sentence range.

Summary of Bill: The consequences for a parole violation are expanded to include an increase of parole conditions, or a return to confinement for the remainder of the juvenile's sentence range.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 26, 1999.

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

Testimony For: This bill will allow for a higher level of accountability for juvenile offenders in the Basic Training Camp Aftercare program. Public safety will be enhanced on the ability to order additional parole conditions or return the juvenile to a juvenile rehabilitation facility for the remainder of the juvenile's sentence range for violations of parole.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Sid Sidorowicz, Assistant Secretary for Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration (pro).