

SENATE BILL REPORT

SSB 6288

As Passed Senate, February 12, 2002

Title: An act relating to technical, clarifying, and nonsubstantive amendments to chapter 12, Laws of 2001 2nd sp. sess..

Brief Description: Making technical, clarifying, and nonsubstantive amendments to chapter 12, Laws of 2001, 2nd special session.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Long and Hargrove).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 1/17/02, 1/25/02 [DPS].

Passed Senate: 2/12/02, 48-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6288 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Hargrove, Chair; Costa, Vice Chair; Carlson, Franklin, Hewitt, Kastama, Kohl-Welles, Long and Stevens.

Staff: Fara Daun (786-7459)

Background: Third Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6151 was an omnibus act that addressed the management of high risk sex offenders. The act made significant changes in criminal sentencing for certain sex offenders, established a secure community transition facility on McNeil Island for persons being conditionally released from civil commitment at the Special Commitment Center, set out siting and operation criteria for future secure community transition facilities, and established standards of liability and qualifications for sex offender treatment providers who treat level III sex offenders and sex offenders conditionally released to a less restrictive alternative. There were some technical errors in the bill.

Summary of Bill: This is technical legislation with no substantive impact. Typographical errors are corrected, subsections are restructured, language is clarified, grammar is corrected, requirements for one-time reports that have been submitted are stricken, outdated terminology is replaced with current terminology, and one section is divided so that each paragraph can be properly codified.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: This bill is purely technical. The department stated that language related to reasonable commute did not weaken the requirement to distribute the impact of residence across counties and the department intended to fully comply with the requirement to distribute the impact.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Tim Brown, Assistant Secretary for Health & Rehabilitative Services Division, DSHS (pro); George Walk, Pierce County (concerns).