SENATE BILL REPORT SB 5508

As of February 3, 2003

Title: An act relating to supervision of level III offenders for offenses committed on or after July 1, 2003.

Brief Description: Revising supervision of sex offenders.

Sponsors: Senators Eide, Keiser and Roach.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Children & Family Services & Corrections: 2/5/03.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Staff: Fara Daun (786-7459)

Background: Concerns have been raised about the supervision of sex and kidnapping offenders classified as "level III" offenders.

Summary of Bill: No offender under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections (DOC) or under the jurisdiction of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board and subject to supervision by DOC who was convicted of a sex or kidnapping offense and is classified as a "level III" sex or kidnapping offender may have an approved residence within one mile of a public or private primary or secondary school or any licensed preschool or day care facility while he or she is under supervision by the department.

DOC must require, as a condition of supervision, that these offenders wear electronic home monitoring devices at all times during their period of supervision. To the extent that devices employing global positioning system technology or other advanced technology able to provide precise, real-time location are available, they are utilized.

The offender must pay the cost of monitoring. DOC may add the cost to the current cost of supervision fees. If the offender is indigent or payment of the monitoring would make the offender unable to pay restitution, child support, or other legal financial obligations, DOC may waive or reduce the payment of the cost of electronic home monitoring.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 30, 2003.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on July 1, 2003.

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