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SB 5990-S by Senate Committee on Children & Family Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Stevens, McAuliffe, Carlson, Regala, Parlette, Rasmussen and Winsley)

Changing times and supervision standards for release of offenders.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/26/03)

Revises times and supervision standards for release of offenders.

Provides that an offender may earn up to fifty percent earned release time if he or she is not confined pursuant to a sentence for an offense that is a violent offense; a sex offense; a violation or attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to violate RCW 69.50.401 by manufacture or delivery or possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine; a violation or attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to violate RCW 69.50.406 (delivery of a controlled substance to a minor); or a crime against a person as defined in RCW 9.94A.411.

Provides that, when the department performs a risk assessment pursuant to RCW 9.94A.500, or to determine a person's conditions of supervision, the risk assessment shall classify the offender into one of at least four risk categories. The department shall supervise every offender sentenced to a term of community custody, community placement, or community supervision whose risk assessment places that offender in one of the two highest risk categories.

Provides that, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and each subsequent fiscal year, the state treasurer shall transfer eight million two hundred fifty thousand dollars from the general fund to the criminal justice treatment account, divided into four equal quarterly payments. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and each subsequent fiscal year, the amount transferred shall be increased on an annual basis by the implicit price deflator as published by the federal bureau of labor statistics.

Directs the Washington state institute for public policy to study the results of the changes in earned release under this act. The study shall determine whether the changes in earned release affect the rate of recidivism or the type of offenses committed by persons whose release dates were affected by the changes in this act. The Washington state institute for public policy shall report its findings to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature no later than December 1, 2008.

Appropriates the sum of three million five hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, from the general fund to the department of corrections for enhanced supervision by community corrections officers of offenders classified in risk classifications RM-A and RM-B.

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- Mar 3 CFC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 11 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 26 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 41; nays, 8; absent, 0.

SB 6055 by Senators Honeyford and Keiser

Regarding unemployment insurance.

Finds that the unemployment insurance system must continue to fulfill its fundamental purposes of providing workers with partial wage replacement when they are unemployed through no fault of their own, and providing communities with economic stability to counter the effects of an economic downturn.

Finds that the system should be modified to eliminate certain inequities in the unemployment insurance system and that changes should make the system more fair, predictable, and stable.

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- Mar 27 First reading, referred to Commerce & Trade.