

**HB 2967-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Responds to drug crimes by providing increased support for enforcement and prosecution of drug crimes, authorizing the use of drug courts by juvenile courts, clarifying provisions related to sentence enhancements for certain drug crimes, modifying earned early release provisions related to offenders sentenced under RCW 9.94A.660, improving judges' abilities to make informed sentencing decisions, and undertaking studies related to criminal justice.

Appropriates the sum of four million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, from the general fund to the Washington state patrol for the sole purposes of providing funding for multijurisdictional drug task forces and local government drug prosecution assistance.