

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5796

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Human Services & Corrections, February 16, 2007

Title: An act relating to credit for time served in a county supervised community option.

Brief Description: Authorizing earned release credit in county alternative sentencing programs.

Sponsors: Senators Hargrove, McAuliffe and Shin.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 2/9/07, 2/16/07 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5796 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Hargrove, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Stevens, Ranking Minority Member; Brandland, Carrell and McAuliffe.

Staff: Shani Bauer (786-7468)

Background: Alternatives to total confinement are available for offenders with sentences of one year or less. For offenders convicted of nonviolent and nonsex offenses, the court may authorize county jails to convert jail confinement to an available county supervised community option.

Some counties may allow an offender to participate in alternative programs prior to sentencing.

Summary of Bill: For offenders convicted of nonviolent and nonsex offenses, the court may authorize county jails to credit time served in an available supervised community option.

The court may also authorize earned release credit consistent with the local correctional facility standards for time credited or converted.

EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY RECOMMENDED SUBSTITUTE AS PASSED COMMITTEE (Human Services & Corrections): The title is amended from credit for time served in a presentence day reporting program to credit for time served in a county supervised community option.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: The intention of this bill is to allow the county to provide the same credit for earned release time for time served in a noncustody program as that served in custody. The current law serves as a disincentive for persons to participate in noncustody programs such as work programs and the community center for alternative programs.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Michael West, King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention; Tom McBride, Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys.