

FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Addressing the housing of offenders who violate community custody.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senator Carrell).

Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections
House Committee on Human Services

Background: An offender who violates the conditions of his or her community custody may be returned to prison to serve up to the remainder of his or her sentence (if the maximum term of confinement has not already been served), sanctioned up to 60 days in a local correctional facility for each violation, or sanctioned to an alternative such as work release, home detention, community restitution, treatment, etc.

Department of Corrections (DOC) contracts with local correctional facilities to provide jail space for sanctioned offenders. Local correctional facilities do not always have adequate space to house sanctioned offenders.

Summary: DOC must analyze the needed capacity throughout the state to appropriately confine offenders who violate community supervision and formulate recommendations for future capacity. DOC must consider the need to decrease reliance on local jails and the costs and benefits of developing a violator treatment center.

If DOC recommends locating or colocating new violator facilities, DOC must work within local land use planning processes. DOC must report its results to the Governor and the Legislature by November 15, 2008.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	49	0
House	95	0

Effective: June 12, 2008