

**SB 5964-S - DIGEST**

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/9/2007)

Creates the task force on sentencing of persistent offenders for the purpose of conducting a review of the crimes considered a most serious offense. The objectives of the task force are to: (1) Examine existing evidence concerning the types of offenses committed by individuals convicted only of the crimes of assault in the second degree and robbery in the second degree and sentenced to life in prison as a persistent offender;

(2) Evaluate whether the inclusion of assault in the second degree and robbery in the second degree as crimes classified as most serious offenses has resulted in disproportionate sentencing of individuals; and

(3) Assess the objectives of the three-strikes law and evaluate whether the crimes of assault in the second degree and robbery in the second degree should continue to be classified as most serious offenses.

Requires the task force to make a report, together with any recommendations, to the legislature not later than December 31, 2007.