

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5190

As of April 9, 2009

Title: An act relating to technical corrections to ensure accurate sentences for offenders.

Brief Description: Making technical corrections to community custody provisions.

Sponsors: Senators Hargrove, Stevens, Regala and Shin; by request of Statute Law Committee and Sentencing Guidelines Commission.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 1/23/09.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Staff: Shani Bauer (786-7468)

Background: Last session, the Legislature passed HB 2719, making technical changes to the statutory provisions of the Sentencing Reform Act. The purpose of the revision was to provide greater clarification and uniformity in community custody and sentencing law. Although the bill made no substantive changes, it was a substantial reorganization of existing law. The Legislature, therefore, further required the Code Reviser to report to the 2009 Legislature on any amendments necessary to accomplish the purposes of the act.

HB 2712, addressing criminal street gangs, also passed in the 2008 session and made changes to the Sentencing Reform Act.

Summary of Bill: Statutory references are corrected where needed. The provision regarding special allegations for individuals convicted of criminal gang-related felony offenses is reworded for clarity and incorporated into the statutory section on special allegations. Language is added to clarify that the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board retains the authority in supervising sex offenders under their jurisdiction.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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Effective Date: The bill takes effect on August 1, 2009.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This is a follow-up bill to the major clean-up of community custody provisions last session. It was unavoidable that other bills would come along in 2008 that would amend the Sentencing Reform Act. This bill finishes the job of clean-up by incorporating those additional provisions and cleaning up internal references.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Jean Soliz-Conklin, Sentencing Guidelines Commission; Kyle Thiessen, Office of the Code Reviser.