

HB 2294 - DIGEST

Requires the department of corrections to: (1) Establish and utilize a validated, evidence-based risk assessment instrument consistent with national best practices that classifies offenders as high risk, moderate risk, and low risk;

(2) Actively supervise for a minimum of twelve months, with no exceptions, any offender convicted of a felony in Washington state who is classified as high risk; and

(3) Actively supervise for a minimum of six months, with no exceptions, any offender convicted of a felony in Washington state who is classified as moderate or low risk.

Requires any offender convicted of a felony in Washington state to be sentenced to a minimum term of twelve months of community custody.

Requires community corrections officers and community corrections employees whose primary job or function is to deal with felony offenders hired on or after July 1, 2009, to successfully complete the basic law enforcement academy course known as the basic course, or the basic law enforcement equivalency certification known as the equivalency course, provided by the criminal justice training commission.

Authorizes the criminal justice training commission to charge the department of corrections for the costs of providing the training.

Makes counties and cities responsible for the supervision of misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor offenders.

Provides that the act applies retroactively and prospectively regardless of whether the offender is currently on community custody or probation with the department of corrections, currently incarcerated with a term of community custody or probation with the department of corrections, or sentenced after July 1, 2009.