SENATE BILL REPORT SB 5633

As of February 14, 2007

Title: An act relating to core training requirements.

Brief Description: Revising provisions relating to core training requirements.

Sponsors: Senators Brandland, Kline, Delvin, McCaslin and Shin; by request of Criminal Justice

Training Commission.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 2/09/07.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Staff: Kiki Keizer (786-7430)

Background: The Corrections Reform Act of 1981 (CRA) established the Department of Corrections as a separate department of state government, with a secretary appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The CRA also included provisions designed to reform inmate work programs and establish correctional standards.

The CRA required mandatory minimum staff training for corrections personnel of the state and all counties employed on or after January 1, 1982, and all corrections personnel promoted to supervisory or management positions after that date. The basic corrections training required by the CRA was to be adopted by the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC).

Summary of Bill: All corrections personnel of the state and all counties and municipal corporations transferred or promoted to a supervisory or management position on or after January 1, 1982, must, within the first six months of entry into the position, successfully complete the core training requirements prescribed by rule of the CJTC for the position or obtain a waiver or extension for completing the core training requirements.

Within a year after completion of the core training requirements, all corrections personnel must complete all of the remaining requirements for career level certification prescribed by rule of the CJTC.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

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Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: The requirement for professional certification of corrections officers was repealed, but the practice of corrections officers seeking certification continues. The bill would restore the mandate for core level training for corrections officers.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Carri Brezonick, Criminal Justice Training Commission.

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