FINAL BILL REPORT SHB 1836

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning the introduction of contraband into or possession of contraband in a secure facility.

Sponsors: House Committee on Public Safety (originally sponsored by Representatives Holy, Goodman, Roberts, Hope, Hayes and Appleton; by request of Department of Social and Health Services).

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

Background:

"Secure facility" means a residential facility for persons civilly confined as sexually violent predators or awaiting trial for civil commitment as sexually violent predators that includes security measures sufficient to protect the community.

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A person is guilty of Introducing Contraband in the second degree if he or she knowingly and unlawfully provides contraband to a person confined in a detention facility with the intent that such contraband be of assistance in an escape or in the commission of a crime. Introducing Contraband in the first degree is a class C felony.

A person is guilty of Introducing Contraband in the third degree if he or she knowingly and unlawfully provides contraband to a person confined in a detention facility. Introducing Contraband in the third degree is a misdemeanor.

Summary:

The criminal offenses for introducing contraband are expanded to include secure facilities.

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A person is guilty of Introducing Contraband in the third degree if he or she knowingly and unlawfully provides contraband to a person confined in a detention facility or secure facility. Introducing Contraband in the third degree is a misdemeanor. The offense does not include legal materials brought by attorneys for review with their clients.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 95 0 Senate 48 0

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