FINAL BILL REPORT HB 2344

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Authorizing the caseload forecast council to forecast community corrections caseloads.

Sponsors: Representatives Huff, McIntire, Linville, Alexander, Kenney and Parlette; by request of Caseload Forecast Council.

House Committee on Appropriations Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Background:

The Caseload Forecast Council was created in 1997. The council consists of appointees from both the legislative and executive branches and employs a staff of five persons.

The council prepares caseload forecasts for a number of entitlement programs. The forecasts for which the council is responsible are set forth in statute and include public assistance programs, state correctional institutions, state institutions for juvenile offenders, the common school system, long-term care, medical assistance, foster care, and adoption support.

The forecast for the number of offenders supervised in the community by the Department of Corrections is prepared, on a biennial basis, by the Department of Corrections. The total appropriation for the community corrections program within the Department of Corrections in the 1999-2001 biennium is \$120.1 million.

Summary of Bill:

The Caseload Forecast Council is responsible for preparing the state correctional noninstitutional community supervision forecast.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 97 0

Senate 45 0 (Senate amended)

House 98 0 (House concurred)

Effective: July 1, 2000

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