

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6223

C 28 L 00

Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Reorganizing sentencing provisions.

Sponsors: Senators Hargrove, Long, Costa and Kohl-Welles; by request of Sentencing Guidelines Commission.

Senate Committee on Judiciary

House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections

Background: The Sentencing Reform Act was enacted in 1981. The main sentencing provision has been amended 34 times and now contains 25 subsections spread over five pages of the code.

Summary: The Legislature intends to make the Sentencing Reform Act easier to use and understand. The sentences– statute is divided into 42 separate sections. No provision of the act is meant to make, nor does any provision in fact make, a substantive change to the Sentencing Reform Act. It is clarified that persistent offenders are not eligible for extraordinary medical placement.

If any amendments are enacted during the 2000 legislative session that do not conform to these changes to the Sentencing Reform Act, the Code Reviser is directed to prepare a bill that incorporates those amendments for the 2001 legislative session.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	44	1
House	97	0

Effective: June 8, 2000
July 1, 2001 (Sections 1-42)