

***Juvenile Justice Committee***

***SB 5972***

***Brief Description:*** *Releasing juvenile offenders.*

***Sponsors:*** *By Senator Hargrove; by request of Department of Social and Health Services.*

***Brief Summary of Bill***

- *Requires juvenile offenders sentenced under a finding of manifest injustice to comply with the parole requirements applicable to other offenders.*

***Hearing Date:*** *3/27/01*

***Staff:*** *Jean Ann Quinn (786-7310).*

***Background:***

*The Secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services (Secretary) sets a release date for each juvenile committed to its custody, except in the case of a juvenile committed by a court pursuant to a finding of manifest injustice.– Manifest injustice– means that the standard range disposition would either impose an excessive penalty or impose a serious and clear danger to society in light of the purposes of the Juvenile Justice Act. If the court determines that a standard range disposition would effectuate a manifest injustice, the court may impose a disposition outside the standard range.*

*The release date must be within the prescribed range for the offense. Following the release of any juvenile for whom a release date has been established, the Secretary may require the juvenile to comply with a program of parole for up to 18 months. Offenders sentenced for certain sex offenses are required to complete a 24-36 month parole program.*

***Summary of Bill:***

*The Secretary is required to set a release date for offenders sentenced to a commitment range under a finding of manifest injustice, and such offenders are subject to the parole requirements applicable to other offenders.*

***Appropriation: None.***

***Fiscal Note: Not Requested.***

***Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.***