

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5972

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Releasing juvenile offenders.

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

Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections
House Committee on Juvenile Justice

Background: The Department of Social and Health Services, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration (JRA) requested this revision in the current statute to eliminate a potential loophole in the sentencing law. Juvenile offenders who have served their maximum sentence in an institution under a manifest injustice adjudication have challenged the authority of JRA to place them on parole.

Summary: The department's parole program placement authority for all juvenile offenders under the age of 21, including those who have served their maximum sentence in an institution under a manifest injustice adjudication is clarified. A manifest injustice adjudication is one in which a court has determined that a sentence within the juvenile offender sentencing standard range, or the chemical dependency disposition alternative would effectuate a manifest injustice. The court, as a result, must impose a disposition outside the standard range.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48 0
House	92 0

Effective: April 17, 2001