

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6344

As of January 23, 2002

Title: An act relating to where sentences are served.

Brief Description: Requiring sentences of more than nine months to be served in a state facility.

Sponsors: Senators Kline, McCaslin, Haugen, Johnson, Roach, Finkbeiner, Hochstatter, Rasmussen and Oke.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Judiciary: 1/29/02.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Staff: Aldo Melchiori (786-7439)

Background: Offenders who are sentenced to a term of confinement over 12 months in duration serve their term in a facility or institution operated by the state. If the offender's sentence is for 12 months or less, the term of confinement is served in a facility operated, licensed, or utilized by the county and at the county's expense. Offenders who have committed specified sex offenses serve their term of incarceration in a state facility regardless of the sentence length.

Summary of Bill: Offenders who are sentenced to a term of confinement over nine months in duration serve their term in a facility or institution operated by the state. If the offender's sentence is for nine months or less, the term of confinement is served in a facility operated, licensed, or utilized by the county and at the county's expense. Offenders who have committed specified sex offenses continue to serve their term of incarceration in a state facility regardless of the sentence length.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 22, 2002.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.