Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

Criminal Justice & Corrections Committee

HB 2743

Brief Description: Expanding the crime of endangerment with a controlled substance to include the manufacturing of any type of controlled substance.

Sponsors: Representatives O'Brien, Ericks and Morrell.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Expands the crime of endangerment with a controlled substance to include the manufacturing of any type of controlled substance.
- Changes the level of intent required for the crime of endangerment with a controlled substance.

Hearing Date: 1/24/06

Staff: Yvonne Walker (786-7841).

Background:

Endangerment with a controlled substance occurs if a person knowingly or intentionally permits a dependent child or dependent adult to be exposed to, ingest, inhale, or have contact with methamphetamine, ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or anhydrous ammonia that are being used in the manufacturing of methamphetamine. Endangerment with a controlled substance is a seriousness level IV, class B felony.

Summary of Bill:

The crime of endangerment with a controlled substance is expanded to include the manufacturing of any type of illegal controlled substance, rather than just methamphetamine. The requirement that the offender knowingly or intentionally permits the child or dependent adult to be exposed to methamphetamine, ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or anhydrous ammonia is removed. The crime of endangerment with a controlled substance occurs when a person manufactures, delivers, or possesses with the intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance upon the same premises where a child or dependent adult is present. "Premises" includes a vehicle, vessel, dwelling or rental unit, as well as its curtilage and any other outbuildings of a dwelling house.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Preliminary fiscal note available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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