

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6308

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6308** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Carrell, Stevens, Regala, Schoesler, Schmidt, Oke and Rasmussen)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/06.

1 AN ACT Relating to creating a joint select committee on offenders
2 programs, sentencing, and supervision; creating new sections; and
3 providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that "good time"
6 should be productive time, especially for those incarcerated in
7 Washington's criminal justice facilities. The legislature finds that
8 it is important to the safety of the public and to rehabilitation of
9 offenders that changes be considered to other programs offered in
10 prisons and in the community. The legislature further finds that
11 reforms to sentencing and supervision of offenders returning to the
12 community may enhance public safety, lower recidivism, and reduce crime
13 and victimization. Therefore, the legislature intends to create a
14 joint legislative task force on offenders programs, sentencing, and
15 supervision to provide findings and recommendations for the 2007
16 legislative session.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) A joint legislative task force on

1 offenders programs, sentencing, and supervision is established, with
2 members as provided in this subsection.

3 (a) The president of the senate shall appoint one member from each
4 of the two largest caucuses of the senate, with at least one member
5 being a member of the senate human services and corrections committee;

6 (b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one
7 member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
8 representatives, with at least one member being a member of the house
9 criminal justice and corrections committee;

10 (c) The governor shall appoint the following members:

- 11 (i) The attorney general, or the attorney general's designee;
- 12 (ii) The secretary of corrections, or the secretary's designee;
- 13 (iii) The executive director of the sentencing guidelines
14 commission, or the director's designee;

15 (d) In addition, the joint legislative task force, where feasible,
16 may consult with individuals representing the following:

- 17 (i) Superior court judges;
- 18 (ii) Mental health treatment providers who provide alcohol and
19 substance abuse counseling;
- 20 (iii) Mental health treatment providers who provide medical
21 assistance services to offenders;
- 22 (iv) Counties;
- 23 (v) Cities;
- 24 (vi) Crime victims;
- 25 (vii) Prosecuting attorneys;
- 26 (viii) Criminal defense lawyers;
- 27 (ix) Faculty members who educate incarcerated offenders;
- 28 (x) Faculty members who educate released offenders;
- 29 (xi) Community corrections officers;
- 30 (xii) Labor organizations representing correctional officers who
31 work in adult correctional facilities;
- 32 (xiii) Multifamily housing;
- 33 (xiv) City local law enforcement;
- 34 (xv) County law enforcement;
- 35 (xvi) Ex-offenders;
- 36 (xvii) A faith-based organization that provides outreach or
37 services to offenders;
- 38 (xviii) Washington businesses; and

1 (xix) Nonprofit organizations providing work force training to
2 released offenders.

3 (2) The joint legislative task force shall be cochaired by a
4 legislative member from the senate and a legislative member from the
5 house of representatives, as chosen by the task force.

6 (3) The joint legislative task force shall review and make
7 recommendations regarding:

8 (a) The type of offender that would benefit most in terms of
9 personal achievement, responsibility, and community safety, by having
10 the opportunity to receive enhanced training and education while in
11 prison;

12 (b) The types of training and educational programs that would
13 provide the greatest return on investment with regard to offender
14 achievement, responsibility, and community;

15 (c) Changes to the sentencing law and policies related to "good
16 time" or early release, that would encourage incarcerated offenders to
17 participate in training and programs that will increase the likelihood
18 that they will be able to support themselves when they leave prison and
19 reduce recidivism;

20 (d) A method for evaluating the return on the investment and
21 determining from frontline department of corrections staff and
22 community partners, whether the changes are improving personal
23 responsibility on the part of the offender and reducing crime in the
24 community;

25 (e) Changes to community supervision that would provide greater
26 safety to the public and incentives for prisons in adhering to
27 treatment, educational goals, and reducing recidivism; and

28 (f) The operation of inmate work release programs and on how such
29 work release programs are sited and placed throughout the state.

30 (4) The joint legislative task force shall present a report of its
31 findings and recommendations to the governor and the appropriate
32 committees of the legislature, including any proposed legislation, by
33 November 15, 2006.

34 (5) The joint legislative task force may, where feasible, consult
35 with individuals from the public and private sector in carrying out its
36 duties under this section.

37 (6)(a) The joint legislative task force shall use legislative
38 facilities, and staff support shall be provided by senate committee

1 services, the house of representatives office of program research, and
2 the Washington state institute for public policy. The department of
3 corrections and the sentencing guidelines commission shall cooperate
4 with the joint legislative task force, and shall provide information as
5 the task force reasonably requests.

6 (b) Nonlegislative members of the joint legislative task force
7 shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for travel
8 expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

9 (c) Legislative members of the joint legislative task force shall
10 be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.

11 (d) The expenses of the joint legislative task force shall be paid
12 jointly by the senate and the house of representatives.

13 (7) This section expires December 1, 2006.

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