

1 **SSB 5418** - H COMM AMD **ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY 582 4-19-91**  
2 By Committee on Appropriations

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4 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
5 following:

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The task force on sentencing of adult  
7 criminal offenders is created.

8 (1) The task force shall have fourteen members.

9 (a) The governor shall appoint two members.

10 (b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint  
11 six members, which shall include two members, one from each  
12 political party, from each of the following:

13 (i) The house judiciary committee;

14 (ii) The house human services committee; and

15 (iii) Either the house capital facilities and financing  
16 committee or the house appropriations committee, or one from each.

17 If one member is appointed from each of the fiscal committees, one  
18 appointment must be from the majority party and the other from the  
19 minority party.

20 (c) The president of the senate shall appoint six members,  
21 which shall include two members, one from each political party,

1 from each of the following standing committees:

2 (i) Senate law and justice;

3 (ii) Senate children and family services; and

4 (iii) Senate ways and means.

5 (2) The members of the task force shall select a chair or  
6 cochairs from among the membership of the task force.

7 (3) Staff for the task force shall be provided by the senate,  
8 the house of representatives, and the office of financial  
9 management.

10 (4) The objectives of the task force are to:

11 (a) Determine whether the articulated purposes of the  
12 sentencing reform act of 1981 as defined in RCW 9.94A.010, remain  
13 valid or should be modified, and if so, what new sentencing  
14 purposes are appropriate;

15 (b) Study the incarceration patterns of adult offenders  
16 convicted of violent and nonviolent offenses to determine whether  
17 the purposes of the sentencing reform act of 1981 as defined in RCW  
18 9.94A.010 are being achieved;

19 (c) Determine the extent to which alternatives to total  
20 confinement are being used for adult felons and to make  
21 recommendations to ensure that those alternatives are ordered when  
22 appropriate; and

23 (d) Determine whether an expansion of the court's sentencing  
24 options would help achieve the purposes of the sentencing reform  
25 act.

26 (5) The task force shall consult with the sentencing

1 guidelines commission and other interested parties to achieve the  
2 objectives of the task force.

3 (6) The task force shall report to the appropriate standing  
4 committees of the legislature and to the governor not later than  
5 December 15, 1992.

6 (7) The task force shall cease to exist on January 1, 1993.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The Washington Institute for Public  
8 Policy shall, within available funds, conduct a study or cause a  
9 study to be conducted of the problem of police harassment of, and  
10 brutality toward, residents of the state. The Institute shall  
11 gather data from local law enforcement departments from 1981 to the  
12 present to determine the number and types of complaints against law  
13 enforcement personnel, whether the department investigated the  
14 complaint, and the result of the investigation. The Institute  
15 shall also propose options for guidelines for the creation of  
16 citizen review panels in local jurisdictions to receive and  
17 investigate complaints of police harassment and brutality. The  
18 Institute shall also propose options for additional civil remedies  
19 for the victims of police harassment or brutality. The Institute  
20 shall report to the Legislature regarding its findings and options  
21 for legislative action by December 1, 1991.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The criminal justice training commission

1 shall, within available funds, develop and offer a training program  
2 for law enforcement personnel to reduce the incidence of police  
3 harassment of, and brutality toward, residents of this state.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act are  
5 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,  
6 health, or safety, or support of the state government and its  
7 existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately."

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10 "On page 1, beginning on line 1 of the title, after "justice;"  
11 strike the remainder of the title and insert: "creating new  
12 sections; and declaring an emergency."

EFFECT: The provisions of the bill are stricken and replaced. A task force on sentencing of adult criminal offenders is created. The Washington institute for public policy must, within available funds, conduct a study on the problem of police harassment and brutality towards residents of the state. The criminal justice training commission must, within available funds, develop a training program for law enforcement personnel to reduce the incidence of police brutality and harassment.