
HOUSE BILL 2170

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By Representatives Appelwick, Brough and Betrozoff.

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1 AN ACT Relating to sentencing of offenders; creating a new section;
2 and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The task force on sentencing of adult
5 criminal offenders is created.

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

7 (a) The governor shall appoint two members.

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

11 (i) The house judiciary committee;

12 (ii) The house human services committee; and

13 (iii) Either the house capital facilities and financing committee
14 or the house appropriations committee, or one from each. If one member

1 is appointed from each of the fiscal committees, one appointment must
2 be from the majority party and the other from the minority party.

3 (c) The president of the senate shall appoint six members, which
4 shall include two members, one from each political party, from each of
5 the following standing committees:

6 (i) Senate law and justice;

7 (ii) Senate children and family services; and

8 (iii) Senate ways and means.

9 (2) The members of the task force shall select a chair or cochair
10 from among the membership of the task force.

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (5) The task force shall consult with the sentencing guidelines
27 commission and other interested parties to achieve the objectives of
28 the task force.

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

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
7 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
8 effect immediately.