
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5588

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By Senate Committee on Children & Family Services & Corrections
(originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Esser, Roach and Kohl-
Welles; by request of Sentencing Guidelines Commission)

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1 AN ACT Relating to pilot regional correctional facilities; and
2 creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that numerous changes
5 to the sentencing reform act, chapter 9.94A RCW, as reported by the
6 sentencing guidelines commission, have resulted in increases in the
7 length of local jail and state prison sentences and in the number of
8 local jail and state prison inmates. The intent of the sentencing
9 reform act, particularly provisions regarding protection of the public,
10 reduction of the risk of reoffense, and making frugal use of state and
11 local government resources, would best be served, in many instances, by
12 local and state corrections authorities sharing resources and
13 jurisdiction over regional correctional facilities.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Not later than December 31, 2003, the
15 sentencing guidelines commission shall present to the legislature a
16 plan for establishing pilot regional correctional facilities.

17 (2) The plan for establishing pilot regional correctional
18 facilities must include, but is not limited to, the following:

- 1 (a) A plan for increasing the space availability in local and
2 county jails for pretrial detainees;
- 3 (b) An efficient and effective plan for joint use of total
4 confinement beds by local and state government;
- 5 (c) A description of proposed shared and/or revised jurisdiction
6 and operational responsibility, including the possibility of
7 establishing a regional corrections authority;
- 8 (d) A summary of proposed changes to the criminal code reflecting
9 revised housing jurisdiction;
- 10 (e) A plan to account for the inmate population eligible for
11 placement in pilot regional correctional facilities which includes:
12 Pretrial detainees, inmates serving sentences of sixty days to twenty-
13 four months, and inmates serving terms of confinement totaling more
14 than one year.
- 15 (i) Other than pretrial detainees, only inmates serving sentences
16 of sixty days to twenty-four months are eligible for placement in
17 regional correctional facilities.
- 18 (ii) Regional correctional facilities must accept inmates serving
19 terms of confinement totaling more than one year;
- 20 (f) A review of treatment services and programs intended to meet
21 the needs of special populations including drug and substance abuse,
22 mental health, and special medical needs;
- 23 (g) An estimate of potential benefits to local and county jail
24 operators and to the state, which could be realized by implementation
25 of pilot programs;
- 26 (h) A proposed method for identifying pilot regional correctional
27 facility sites;
- 28 (i) A methodology for evaluating the costs benefit of operation of
29 pilot facilities; and
- 30 (j) Recommendations for sharing capacity, resources, and funding of
31 the construction and operation cost of the facilities.

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