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Brief Description: Providing a procedure for siting community corrections field offices.

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Provides that, when selecting a location for a field office to be used by community corrections officers, the department must perform an analysis of the surrounding area. The analysis must identify the following types of facilities located within a three-mile radius of each proposed location: (1) Local jails;

(2) State mental hospitals;

(3) Secure community transition facilities; and

(4) Any facility operated by the department or the department of social and health services that is used to house five or more adult or juvenile offenders who are in the custody of, or being supervised in the community by, the state. Such a facility includes, but is not limited to, a prison, a facility operated by the juvenile rehabilitation administration of the department of social and health services, a group home, a prerelease facility, and a work release facility.

Directs the department to refrain from locating a field office to be used by community corrections officers within one mile of any facility listed in this act unless to do so is necessary to preserve public safety.

Requires that, once a final site for a field office has been selected under this act, the department shall conduct a public hearing in the community where the office will be located.