

**HB 2393 - DIGEST**

Finds that public safety is one of the paramount duties of the state and an essential function of government.

Finds that systemic problems exist with the department of corrections that must be addressed expeditiously and unequivocally in order to rebuild public confidence in the state's ability to best protect them from criminal offenders who have been released from full incarceration but are still serving their sentences on community custody. Turnstile justice is not conducive to building public safety, public confidence in and support for our criminal justice system as a whole, and the morale of personnel working within our department of corrections, law enforcement agencies, and prosecutors' offices.

Finds that citizens expect and demand predictability, proportionality, uniformity, transparency, and justice when dealing with criminal offenders and due consideration for the severe and detrimental impact of crime on victims and their families and friends when dealing with such offenders.

Appropriates the sum of . . . . . dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the department of corrections for the purposes of this act.