

SB 360 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Corrections to create community service exchange program to allow persons on parole or post-prison supervision to perform community service in lieu of payment for certain delinquent fees or debts and supervision fees. Specifies procedures for community service exchange program. Defines key terms. Adds community service exchange program as alternative to payment of attorney fees.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for a community service exchange program
- Impediments to offenders' reintegration into the community
- Applicable costs and fees

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Allows local supervisory authority to determine whether to participate in community service exchange program. Allows local supervisory authority to determine whether community-based organization qualifies for community service exchange program. Makes technical changes.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 360 directs the Department of Corrections, in consultation with the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision, the Judicial Department and community service agencies, to create a community service exchange program through rule making. The community service exchange program would allow a person who served a sentence under DOC custody and is on parole or post-prison supervision to enter into a written agreement with a community-based organization to perform community service in lieu of payment of delinquent fees or debts and supervision fees. It also allows for participation in the community service exchange program as an alternative to payment of a court-appointed attorney's fees. SB 360 also defines key terms, such as delinquent fees or debts. It prohibits waiver of fees for restitution, child support obligations, traffic offense fines and the minimum felony and misdemeanor conviction fine. Finally, SB 360 specifies the procedures for administration of this program.