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**Joint Committee on
Ways and Means**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Public Safety Subcommittee

Re: HB 3078 Relating to public safety

Senator Winters: “HB 3078 changes and modifies several public safety programs and sentences for crimes. It increases the limit for short-term transitional leave from prison from 90 to 120 days. It modifies two Measure 57 crimes (theft in the first degree and identity theft) to permit shorter presumptive sentences with stricter supervision. And it expands the number of offenders that may be eligible to participate in the Family Sentencing Alternative Pilot Program. The Criminal Justice Commission is directed to study the impact of these changes on prison use, recidivism, and public safety, and report back to the Legislature annually.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends the addition of \$7 million General Fund for Justice Reinvestment, with that funding to go into downward-departure prison diversion programs provided by counties. It also recommends \$1 million from the General Fund for domestic and sexual violence services and programs.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 3078 be amended by the –A8 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”