

Public Safety Proposals
Senate Finance
Public Safety Subcommittee
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Agenda Items

- 90 Days Early Release
- Behavioral Correctional Program
- Other Items

•90 Days Early Release

- Non Violent & Drug Offenders Released Early from DOC prisons
- Minimum of 15.5 month sentence who serve at least 1 year

Prison Releases 90 Day Early Release	One Time Impact on Jail Out of Compliance
FY2010	835

90 Days Early Release: Jail Impact

- State Non Violent & Drug Offenders Released from Local Jails
- Minimum of 15.5 month sentence who serve at least 1 year

Jail Releases 90 Day Early Release	One Time Impact on Jail Out of Compliance
FY2010	364

• Behavioral Correctional Program SB1196

- Substance abuse is a primary driving factor in the increase in prison population.
- About 1/4 of New Commitments to Virginia prisons are convicted of drug offenses.
- About 60% of New Commitments have a history of substance abuse.

Behavioral Correctional Program - SB1196

- Establishes alternative sentence available to Judges.
- Eligible offenders
 - Sentence of three years or more
 - Judge decides need for substance abuse treatment is primary
- Judge would impose sentence in accordance with sentencing guidelines & stipulates that DOC place offender in substance abuse treatment program
 - 18 months or longer
 - Therapeutic community style
- After successful completion of program, Judge could suspend remainder of sentence
- Once sentence suspended, offender would be released to supervised probation

SB1196 - Potential Referral Group

- Many New Court Commitments may be eligible

CY2007 Total New Commitments Sentenced to DOC	13,160
History of Substance Use & Sentence \geq 3 Years	4,190

•Other Items

- Both Jail & Lockup Standards being revised
- Construction Standards: last revision 1994
 - Issues = align standards with modern security designs and different operation practices of jails
 - Review Committee is being formed
- Operations Standards: last revision 2002
 - Issues include: inmate medical co-payments; availability of Automatic Electronic Defibrillators; establishing minimum number of weekly sick calls
 - Standards Review Committee appointed
 - Sheriffs and Regional Jail Administrators, an attorney, a member of Virginia C.U.R.E. & DOC staff

- DOC Budget Reductions Report
- Budget
 - FY2008 Reductions = \$20,942,684
 - FY2009 Reductions = \$44,876,274
 - FY2010 Reductions = \$64,156,653
- Personnel
 - 702.5 Positions Affected
 - Less than 30 employees laid off or received enhanced retirement

Budget Reductions Report

- Institutions

- 1,444 bed capacity reduced
 - Southampton Correctional Center = 650 beds
 - Pulaski Correctional Center = 426 beds
 - Tazewell Field Unit = 138 beds
 - Dinwiddie Field Unit = 130 beds
 - Residential Transition Therapeutic Community Beds (pre release contract with private vendors) = 100 beds

- Community Corrections

- 230 bed capacity reduced
 - White Post Detention Center = 100 beds
 - Chatham Diversion Center = 100 beds
 - Women's Detention & Diversion consolidated = 30 beds
 - 12 Day Reporting Programs closed = 1,400 cases