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Sponsor(s): Senators Hargrove, Stevens and Carlson

Brief Description: Providing additional sentencing alternatives for juvenile offenders.

**SB 5903 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Provides additional sentencing alternatives for juvenile offenders.

Directs the Washington state institute for public policy to develop standards for measuring effectiveness of treatment programs under the mental health disposition alternative. The standards shall be developed and presented to the governor and legislature not later than January 1, 2004.

Provides that the standards shall include methods for measuring success factors following treatment. The standards shall include, but not be limited to, continued use of alcohol or controlled substances, arrests, violations of terms of community supervision, and convictions for subsequent offenses. These standards shall be utilized by the court in determining the continued use of this alternative and the success of treatment providers and programs.