

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS26693

This legislation is a product of work researched by the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Committee. It is relating to sentencing of persons convicted of a crime. It provides that certain factors shall be accorded weight by the sentencing judge in favor of avoiding a sentence of prison in certain instances. The goals of the sentencing will include primary consideration of protection of society, followed by the possibility of risk reduction through rehabilitation, deterrence of the individual and the public and punishment or retribution for wrongdoing.

### FISCAL NOTE

The legislation is designed to provide more opportunities for community placement and treatment in the community for those who commit some crimes. First, consideration is protection of the public. Through community placement the cost of supervision is less than in our prisons.

To keep this program successful we need more supervision. Seventeen more probation officers have been requested in the Governor's budget. Each will cost about \$37,000 a year and supervise about 60 persons.

Also, the cost of community supervision is less expensive than the \$25,000 a year to keep a person in prison.

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