



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Synopsis of House Committee Amendments*

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Amendments adopted by the House committee made the following changes to the bill relating to criminal sentencing and conveyances of property currently under the jurisdiction of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC):

Expands eligibility for pre-trial diversion to include persons charged with certain minor drug offenses when the prosecutor consents to their participation.

Allows a sentencing court to place an offender who is subject to community control sanctions under the supervision of any entity authorized to provide probation and supervisory services to the county when there is no county probation department.

Clarifies that if an offender is sentenced to a community control sanction and violates the conditions of the sanction, the court may impose a new term of up to six months in a community-based correctional facility, halfway house, or jail.

Eliminates a requirement that the sentencing court must inform the offender at sentencing that the offender must not ingest or be injected with a drug of abuse and must submit to random drug testing while incarcerated.

Restores current law regarding the maximum length of a prison term sanction for a post-release control violation.

Limits the number of offenses an eligible offender may seal to five offenses and extends the period of time an offender must wait after discharge to apply for sealing of multiple felonies.

Allows halfway houses and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to use the validated risk assessment tool selected by DRC.

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the House Floor.

Allows authorized users of the validated risk assessment tool to disclose risk assessment reports to qualified persons and research organizations for research, evaluative, and statistical purposes, subject to written agreements.

Authorizes the conveyance of state-owned real estate in Madison and Scioto counties currently under the jurisdiction of DRC.

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