

**HB 1143 - DIGEST**

Finds that: (1) Homeless sex offenders present unique risks to law enforcement, corrections personnel, and local communities; and

(2) Locating housing for sex offenders can be highly challenging and the department of corrections is therefore frequently forced to release offenders as homeless once they have served their maximum terms of confinement.

Declares an intent to improve public safety by requiring the department of corrections to seek out innovative ways to increase the availability of safe sex offender housing.

Requires the department of corrections to: (1) Study ways to increase the availability of sex offender housing;

(2) Consult with individuals and organizations that have expertise in sex offender community safety, sex offender housing, and the acquisition and use of state property; and

(3) Report its findings to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature no later than December 1, 2009.

Expires January 1, 2010.