

SB 895 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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Meeting Dates: 4/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies eligibility for Family Sentencing Alternative Pilot Program. Includes defendants who are pregnant at time of sentencing or who have physical custody of child at time of sentencing. Eliminates prohibition on offenders with current or previous conviction for person felony or sex crime, unless currently subject to mandatory minimum sentence. Directs Department of Corrections to establish process for selecting counties to participate in pilot program.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, the Legislative Assembly adopted the Family Sentencing Alternative Pilot Program. The program is available to certain defendants who have been sentenced to probation as a departure from a prison sentence and who, at the time the offense was committed, had physical custody of a minor child. The program includes special conditions of probation that may include parenting skills classes, life skills classes and drug, alcohol or mental health treatment