WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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SENATE BILL NO. 98

(By Senator Wooton, et al.)

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(BY SENATORS WOOTON, BALL, DAWSON, DITTMAR, KESSLER,
McCABE, MINARD, REDD, ROSS AND SNYDER)

[Passed January 31, 2000; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to repeal section one, article thirteen, chapter sixty-two
of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred
thirty-one, as amended; and to amend article one, chapter
twenty-five of said code by adding thereto a new section,
designated section one-a, relating to clarifying the purpose
of the division of corrections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section one, article thirteen, chapter sixty-two of the
code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as
amended, be repealed; and that article one, chapter twenty-five
of said code be amended by adding thereto a new section,
designated section one-a, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. ORGANIZATION, INSTITUTIONS AND CORRECTIONS MAN-
AGEMENT.

§25-1-1a. Purpose and legislative intent.

1 (a) The primary purpose of the division of corrections is
2 to enhance public safety by providing for the incarceration
and care of convicted offenders who have been sentenced
by courts of proper jurisdiction to serve terms of incarcer-
ation. It is the intent of the Legislature:

(1) That persons committed to correctional institutions
of the state for whom release is available for crimes be
afforded appropriate treatment to reestablish their ability
to live peaceably, consistent with the protection of the
community;

(2) That persons committed to correctional institutions
of the state be released at the earliest possible date,
consistent with public safety;

(3) To establish a just, humane and efficient corrections
program; and

(4) To avoid duplication and waste of effort and money
on the part of public and private agencies.

(b) This section shall be construed in favor of public
safety.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the Senate.
In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

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