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SENATE BILL NO. 98

(By Senator WOOTON, ET AL)



PASSED JANUARY 31, 2000  
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**Senate Bill No. 98**

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article thirteen, chapter sixty-two of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be repealed; and that article one, chapter twenty-five of said code be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section one-a, to read as follows: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

**§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

3 and care of convicted offenders who have been sentenced  
4 by courts of proper jurisdiction to serve terms of incarceration.  
5 It is the intent of the Legislature:

6 (1) That persons committed to correctional institutions  
7 of the state for <sup>whom</sup>~~when~~ release is available for crimes be  
8 afforded appropriate treatment to reestablish their ability  
9 to live peaceably, consistent with the protection of the  
10 community;

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

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

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

18 (b) This section shall be construed in favor of public  
19 safety.

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That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *8th*  
Day of *January*, 2000  
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