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Price HB No. 349

Abstract: Provides the court with discretion in imposing a sentence of imprisonment for the crime of simple escape from a work release program and removes the prohibition against that sentence running concurrently with any other sentence.

<u>Present law</u> defines the crime of simple escape and provides that if a person who is participating in a work release program commits the crime of simple escape, the court shall sentence the person to imprisonment for not less than six months nor more than one year.

<u>Present law</u> further prohibits that sentence from running concurrently to any other sentence imposed.

<u>Proposed law</u> amends <u>present law</u> by providing the court with discretion as to whether to impose a sentence of imprisonment and by removing the provision which prohibits any sentence imposed for the simple escape from a work release program from running concurrently to any other sentence imposed.

(Amends R.S. 14:110(B)(1))