

HB 1391 -- Escape from Detention

Sponsor: Dixon

This bill expands the crimes of escape from commitment and escape from custody. Escape from commitment, a class D felony, is amended to include an escape by a person who has been civilly committed as a sexually violent predator. The offense includes an escape made while the person is being detained in a secure facility for evaluation prior to commitment.

The bill also makes the crime of escape from custody a class D felony when the person had been ordered by a court to be taken into custody at a secure facility for the purpose of determining whether the person should be civilly committed as a sexually violent predator. Under current law, escape from custody is a class A misdemeanor, unless the person was arrested for a felony, in which case the escape is a class D felony.