

HB 813 -- Alternative Sentencing Task Force

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This bill establishes the Task Force on Alternative Sentencing within the Department of Corrections to develop a statewide plan for alternative sentencing programs for nonviolent offenders. The plan must include drug and alcohol rehabilitation, job training and placement, and possible cost savings from creating new alternatives to incarceration. The membership of the task force will consist of six probation and parole officers, three business executives, a judge, a representative from the Department of Economic Development, and the directors of the Department of Corrections and the Division of Probation and Parole. The task force must report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2006.

The provisions of the bill will expire on May 31, 2007.