

HB 2137 -- Work for Restitution Program

Sponsor: Guest

This bill allows any local governing agency, as specified in the bill, to establish a work for restitution program and requires a person who has pled guilty or nolo contendere to or has been convicted of any nonviolent offense where restitution is a requirement of his or her probation to participate in and complete the program. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Specifies which offenders are eligible to participate in the program;
- (2) Allows the court to revoke probation for failure to complete or participate in the program;
- (3) Requires an offender's program plan to be provided to the Board of Probation and Parole within the Department of Corrections within 30 days of his or her admission into the program;
- (4) Requires the work for restitution program provider to prepare and forward monthly progress reports to the board's designee;
- (5) Establishes restitution fee schedules;
- (6) Authorizes the local governing agency to enter into agreements for the collection of fees;
- (7) Creates a community-based work for restitution fund to be administered by the local city, county, or state to fund the program; and
- (8) Requires the local governing agency to prepare an annual report on the effectiveness and financial impact of the program.