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Explanation of Changes CSHB 15 Ver. P

"An Act relating to credits towards a sentence of imprisonment for certain persons under electronic monitoring"

CSHB 15 amends AS 12.55.027(a) in which the courts shall grant credit towards a sentence of imprisonment for defendants under electronic monitoring or time spent in a treatment program. In contrast to HB 15, CSHB 15 V does not amend AS 33.20.010(c); thus, it does not grant good time credit against a sentence of imprisonment.

CSHB 15 amends AS 12.55.027(d) to include language that clarifies that defendants can only receive credit against a sentence of imprisonment if the individual has not committed a criminal offense while under electronic monitoring. In addition, it also includes language that clarifies that defendants can only receive credit against a sentence of imprisonment if the court finds that the restrictions imposed on the person's liberty while under electronic monitoring program are equivalent to incarceration, including requiring the person to be confined to a private residence except for the following: court appearances, meeting with counsel, and periods during which a person is at a location ordered by the court for the purposes of employment, attending an educational or vocational training, performing community volunteer work, or attending a counseling or medical appointment.