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SENATE BILL NO. 324 by the Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to eligibility to serve time in a correctional restitution center."

was read the first time and referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee and the Judiciary Committee.

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 11:

Dear Senator Faiks:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the eligibility of prisoners for placement in a correctional restitution center.

The bill makes a minor change in existing law which will expand the pool of prisoners who are eligible for placement in a correctional restitution center, thereby facilitating both the rehabilitation process and the repayment of restitution to victims of crimes.

Presently AS 33.30.161(b)(2) precludes placement of a prisoner in a correctional restitution center if the prisoner has ever been convicted of an offense involving violence or the use of force. This bill would amend that paragraph to allow placement in a restitution center of a prisoner who has a criminal history of misdemeanor violence, but not a prisoner who has ever been convicted of a felony offense involving violence. Of course, the Department of Corrections would still make a classification decision that the prisoner does not otherwise present a risk to the community before placement in a restitution center.

This bill is a responsible way to promote rehabilitation of low-risk prisoners, assist victims of crimes, and help address the problem of prison crowding.

Sincerely,

/s/ Steve Cowper
Steve Cowper
Governor

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
Title: An Act relating to eligibility
to serve time in a correctional
Sponsor: RULES restitution center.
Requestor: GOVERNOR

Agency Affected: Department of Corrections
BRU: _____
Components: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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Agency: Department of Corrections

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