

HB 362 -- 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 parole revocation 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 30 days of his or her admission into the program;
- (4) Requires the local governing agency to prepare 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.