Overview

This bill requires the Commissioner of Corrections to notify additional county attorneys in advance of the release of a sex offender from prison for whom civil commitment as a sexually dangerous person may be necessary. Current law requires notice to the county attorney where the offender was convicted; this bill also requires notice to the county attorney where the offender resides or intends to reside.

1 **Sex offenders; civil commitment determination.** Current law requires the Commissioner of Corrections, before releasing a sex offender from prison, to make a preliminary determination as to whether the offender is at high risk to re-offend and, therefore, is a suitable candidate for civil commitment as a sexually dangerous person. If the offender is determined to be high risk, the Commissioner must give 12-months' advance notice of the offender's release from prison to the county attorney where the sex offender was convicted. This bill requires the Commissioner also to give this advance notice to the county attorney where the offender resided at the time of the offense and to the county attorney where the offender intends to reside upon release.