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Overview

This bill directs the commissioner of corrections to evaluate the effectiveness of remote electronic alcohol monitoring in reducing recidivism among repeat DWI offenders.

Section

1 Study required. Directs the commissioner of corrections to conduct a study to determine the DWI deterrence effectiveness of remote electronic alcohol monitoring (EAM) when ordered by the court for use by multiple-repeat DWI offenders, both during the pre-trial period and following conviction (i.e., during probation). The study must use standard statistical evaluation methodology, and must compare recidivism rates of offenders on EAM with recidivism rates of one or more control groups of similar offenders who were not placed on EAM. The bill specifies certain other control variables that must be used.

The bill requires a report of findings to the chairs of relevant House and Senate committees by January 15, 2002. [The Senate companion, SF 773 which has been referred to the House, incorporates amendments specifying a February 15, 2002 reporting date, and includes committee "members" as recipients of the report, as well.]