

Legislative Analysis

BOOT CAMP: EXPAND ELIGIBILITY

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House Bill 6476

Sponsor: Rep. Paul Condino

Committee: Judiciary

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6476 AS INTRODUCED 9-18-08

House Bill 6476 would amend the Corrections Code (MCL 791.234a) to revise one of the eligibility criteria for placement in the Special Alternative Incarceration Program (SAI), or boot camp. A prisoner sentenced to an indeterminate term of imprisonment under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections is eligible for placement in a boot camp if he or she meets the eligibility requirements specified in the code. Currently, the code excludes from eligibility for placement in a boot camp individuals who are serving, or who have served, sentences for certain assaultive and violent crimes, sex offenses, riot, and arson, and also habitual offenders.

The bill would instead restrict eligibility for boot camp placement to those persons who had not served, or were not serving, a prison sentence for any of the listed offenses. Thus, under the bill, prisoners who had previously been placed on probation or incarcerated for any of the listed offenses in a jail would be eligible for placement in a boot camp.

FISCAL IMPACT:

A fiscal analysis is in process.

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