

HB 98 -- COMMUNITY SERVICE

SPONSOR: Walton Gray

This bill establishes the "Community Service Program," which must include the performance of services at a local, regional, or state level, as determined by the sentencing court. The services must be directed toward residents, businesses, schools, and churches and the program must provide defendants with job skill training, psychological, drug-related, social, or family counseling, as deemed appropriate, and guided inclusion in positive youth-directed activities and peer counseling.

A court must sentence a defendant who is 21 years of age or under to perform community service under a community service program and the conditions established by the court, in lieu of paying restitution, court costs, fees, expenses, or fines, for all traffic offenses deemed infractions, class C misdemeanors, or violations of any ordinance or political subdivision of this state.