BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

HB 2371 provides that in cases in which a jury reaches a verdict that the defendant is guilty of the offense charged or guilty of a lesser included offense or offenses, the jury must assess punishment within the limitations fixed by law including any sentencing alternatives available to the court. The measure prohibits the court from suspending the sentence of a defendant sentenced pursuant to a jury verdict unless the court makes written findings that the recommended sentence of the jury would result in substantial injustice to the defendant; the recommended sentence of the jury is not necessary for the protection of the public; and the recommended sentence of the jury is clearly erroneous.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.

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