A bill for an act

relating to public safety; corrections; establishing guidelines for administration and funding of sentence to service programs; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 631.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[631.426] SENTENCE TO SERVICE.**

Subdivision 1. **Programs.** A county or counties may establish and operate a sentence to service program to which judges, as an intermediate sanction pursuant to section 609.153, subdivision 1, may direct nondangerous offenders to work on community improvement projects under the close supervision of a crew leader.

Subd. 2. **Fees.** A sheriff supervising a sentence to service program may charge participants a fee to offset the cost of operating the program. Fees collected under this authority must be expended on the sentence to service program.

Subd. 3. **Reimbursement.** A county may bill entities that receive benefit from the sentence to service program a fee. Fees collected under this authority must be expended on the sentence to service program.

Subd. 4. **Financial responsibility.** The state shall reimburse counties 25 percent of the cost of operating a sentence to service program to the extent that funds are specifically appropriated for this purpose.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2011 from the general fund to the commissioner of corrections to fund sentence to service programs.