

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5187

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5187.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 5187 permits a court to order a juvenile who is charged with theft or unlawful taking of a motor vehicle to home detention.

The court is provided the discretion to establish the term a juvenile is required to be in home detention. A juvenile sentenced to home detention is permitted to leave the residence of home detention for reasons approved by the court, including, but not limited to, school, after-school activities, employment, counseling, community service, in-person court appearances or probation appointments, or for any other reason approved by the court.

Finally, the bill expands existing law to permit a court order directing a juvenile adjudicated delinquent to home detention for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute the crime of theft of a motor vehicle or unlawful taking of a motor vehicle in accordance with the provisions of the bill.