

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 561—ASSEMBLYMEN ANGLE, NOLAN, MANENDO,
CARPENTER, GUSTAVSON, TIFFANY, FREEMAN, HETTRICK, COLLINS,
CEGAVSKE, HUMKE, MORTENSON, CLABORN AND BROWER

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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR WASHINGTON

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Requires Director of Department of Prisons to establish pilot program for offender management. (BDR S-1053)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to prisons; providing in skeleton form for the Director of the Department of Prisons to establish a pilot program for the management of offenders; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE
AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** 1. The Director of the Department of Prisons shall
2 establish a pilot program for the management of offenders that is patterned
3 after the inmate management plan carried out at the Washoe County
4 Consolidated Jail. The Director shall select one prison of medium security
5 in this state in which to carry out the program. The Director may accept
6 gifts and grants from any source for the support of the program.
7 2. The program for the management of offenders established by the
8 Director must be designed as follows:
9 (a) An offender who enters the prison is allowed the lowest level of
10 benefits that is constitutionally permissible, such as minimal time out of his
11 cell, no television time, not more than two visitors per month and
12 consumption of meals in the cell;

1 (b) An offender is given the option of participating in the program by
2 voluntarily agreeing to adhere strictly to all rules and regulations of the
3 prison in a manner that is respectful to the correctional officers and other
4 employees of the prison and to comply with all standards of personal
5 hygiene established by the Director;

6 (c) An offender who participates in the program must agree to
7 participate in vocational training and employment in accordance with NRS
8 209.461, work on various community projects inside and outside the
9 prison, such as cleaning roads, painting schools and maintaining the prison
10 and, if applicable, attend programs of education;

11 (d) While offenders are performing work in the community, they must
12 wear clothing that clearly identifies to the public their status as prisoners;

13 (e) Only those offenders who volunteer to participate in the program
14 earn additional privileges, such as increased visitation, selected time to
15 watch television and access to self-improvement programs; and

16 (f) An offender who chooses to violate a rule or regulation of the prison
17 is held accountable for that behavior and loses all additional privileges.

18 3. The warden of the prison selected for the pilot program shall:

19 (a) Provide at least one dog for each shift of employment who is
20 trained to sniff for the presence of drugs; and

21 (b) Ensure that all offenders who do not participate in the program
22 receive each day a cold breakfast, a cold lunch and a hot dinner.

23 4. On or before February 1, 2001, the Director of the Department of
24 Prisons shall submit a written report to the Director of the Legislative
25 Counsel Bureau for transmission to the Legislature that evaluates the
26 success of the pilot program established by the Director and makes
27 recommendations for any necessary statutory changes.

28 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.