

Senate Bill No. 236—Senators Parks, Copening, Horsford; Breeden,
Care, Coffin, Lee, Wiener and Woodhouse

Joint Sponsor: Assemblywoman Pierce

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to convicted persons; creating the Fund for Reentry Programs; providing for the expenditure of money in the Fund for reentry programs for persons released from incarceration; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes the establishment by a judicial district and by the Director of the Department of Corrections of programs for reentry of criminal offenders and parolees into the community. (NRS 209.4883, 209.4887) **Section 5** of this bill creates the Fund for Reentry Programs to be administered by the Director of the Department of Public Safety or his designee. Money in the Fund may be used only to pay necessary administrative costs and to pay for programs for reentry of persons into the community upon their release from incarceration.

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

Sections 1-3. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 4. NRS 209.4889 is hereby amended to read as follows:

209.4889 1. The Director may, after consulting with the Division, enter into one or more contracts with one or more public or private entities to provide any of the following services, as necessary and appropriate, to offenders or parolees participating in a correctional or judicial program:

- (a) Transitional housing;
- (b) Treatment pertaining to substance abuse or mental health;
- (c) Training in life skills;
- (d) Vocational rehabilitation and job skills training; and
- (e) Any other services required by offenders or parolees who are participating in a correctional or judicial program.

2. The Director shall, as necessary and appropriate, provide referrals and information regarding:

- (a) Any of the services provided pursuant to subsection 1;
- (b) Access and availability of any appropriate self-help groups;
- (c) Social services for families and children; and
- (d) Permanent housing.

3. The Director may apply for and accept any gift, donation, bequest, grant or other source of money to carry out the provisions



of this section. *Money received pursuant to this subsection may be deposited in the State Treasury for credit to the Fund for Reentry Programs created by section 5 of this act.*

4. As used in this section, "training in life skills" includes, without limitation, training in the areas of:

- (a) Parenting;
- (b) Improving human relationships;
- (c) Preventing domestic violence;
- (d) Maintaining emotional and physical health;
- (e) Preventing abuse of alcohol and drugs;
- (f) Preparing for and obtaining employment; and
- (g) Budgeting, consumerism and personal finances.

Sec. 5. Chapter 480 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Fund for Reentry Programs is hereby created in the State Treasury as a special revenue fund, to be administered by the Director or his designee.

2. The Director or his designee may apply for and accept any gift, donation, bequest, grant or other source of money for the use of the Fund.

3. All money received for the use of the Fund pursuant to subsection 2 or NRS 209.4889 or from any other source must be deposited in the State Treasury for credit to the Fund.

4. All expenditures from the Fund must be approved by the Director or his designee, in accordance with procedures established by regulation by the Director. The Director may designate an advisory group to assist in the preparation of such procedures. The money in the Fund may be expended only to pay necessary administrative costs and to pay for programs for reentry of persons into the community upon their release from incarceration, including, without limitation, judicial programs, training programs and programs for the treatment of addiction.

5. The interest and income earned on the money in the Fund, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Fund. All claims against the Fund must be paid as other claims against the State are paid.

6. To the extent money is available in the Fund, the Director or his designee may enter into one or more contracts with one or more public or private entities to provide services to persons participating in a program for reentry into the community upon their release from incarceration.

Sec. 6. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

