

SENATE BILL NO. 84—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HENDERSON)

PREFILED DECEMBER 15, 2008

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Authorizes cities to create departments of alternative sentencing. (BDR 16-257)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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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 sentencing; authorizing a city to create a department of alternative sentencing; revising provisions relating to the administration of certain programs of supervision for persons with suspended sentences or persons sentenced to residential confinement; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes the board of county commissioners of a county to create a department of alternative sentencing. (Chapter 211A of NRS) **Sections 1-6** of this bill authorize the governing body of a county or a city to create a department of alternative sentencing.

Existing law provides for the administration of programs of supervision for certain persons with suspended sentences and persons sentenced to residential confinement by a justice court or municipal court. (NRS 4.372, 5.052) **Section 8** of this bill requires the chief of the department of alternative sentencing of the city in which a municipal court is located to administer the program of supervision for persons with sentences suspended by the municipal court and persons sentenced to residential confinement by the municipal court if the city has a department of alternative sentencing. Further, **section 8** authorizes the municipal court to contract with a qualified person to administer the program of supervision for persons with sentences suspended by the municipal court and persons sentenced to residential confinement by the municipal court if the city in which the municipal court is located does not have a department of alternative sentencing. **Section 7** of this bill makes technical changes to provide consistency with the amendments made to the statutory provisions of **section 8** of this bill.



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

Section 1. Chapter 211A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

“Governing body” means the governing body of a county or a city.

Sec. 2. NRS 211A.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
211A.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 211A.020 to 211A.070, inclusive, ***and section 1 of this act*** have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 3. NRS 211A.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:
211A.080 The ~~board~~ ***governing body*** of each county ***or city*** may create a department of alternative sentencing to provide a program of supervision for probationers.

Sec. 4. NRS 211A.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:
211A.100 The chief:
1. Must be appointed by the action of a majority of the ~~board~~ ***governing body***.

2. Must have at least 5 years of experience, with an increasing level of responsibility, in the field of law enforcement, corrections or supervision of persons on probation or parole.

3. Is in the unclassified service of the county.

Sec. 5. NRS 211A.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:
211A.110 The chief shall:

1. Hire assistant alternative sentencing officers and other employees as necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the department within the limitations of appropriations to the department by the ~~board~~ ***governing body***.

2. Direct the work of all assistants and employees.

3. Be responsible for the fiscal affairs of the department.

4. Be responsible for the completion of any report regarding an investigation or the supervision of a probationer and any report requested by the court or the ~~board~~ ***governing body***.

5. After reviewing and considering recognized correctional programs and courses for training correctional staff, develop and provide to assistants and other employees training in methods and policies regarding the investigation and supervision of probationers, the recordkeeping of the department and the reporting on matters relating to probationers.

6. Submit a written report, on or before January 31 of each year, to the ~~board~~ ***governing body*** and to each court having jurisdiction over a probationer under his supervision, setting forth in detail the activities of the department during the previous calendar



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1 year. The report must include statistical data concerning the department's activities and operations and the probationers who were under the supervision of the department during that period.

7. Advise the court of any probationer who has violated the terms or conditions of his suspended sentence or residential confinement.

Sec. 6. NRS 211A.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

211A.130 1. The ~~{board}~~ **governing body** shall adopt a schedule of fees to be imposed on probationers to defray the cost of the supervision of a probationer. The schedule adopted must provide for a monthly fee of not less than \$20 for the supervision of a probationer.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3:

(a) The department shall charge each probationer the fee set forth in the schedule adopted pursuant to subsection 1.

(b) Payment of the required fee by the probationer is a condition of his suspended sentence or residential confinement.

3. If the chief determines that payment of the fee would result in economic hardship to a probationer, the chief may waive the imposition of, or reduce the amount of, the fee. If the chief waives the imposition of the fee, payment of the fee by the probationer does not constitute a condition of his suspended sentence or residential confinement.

Sec. 7. NRS 4.372 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4.372 1. If the county in which a justice court is situated ~~{does not have}~~ **has** a department of alternative sentencing, the ~~{justice court may contract with a qualified person to}~~ **chief of that department shall** administer a program of supervision for persons whose sentences have been suspended pursuant to NRS 4.373 or who are sentenced to a term of residential confinement pursuant to NRS 4.3762.

2. If the county in which the justice court is situated ~~{has}~~ **does not have** a department of alternative sentencing, the ~~{chief of that department shall}~~ **justice court may contract with a qualified person to** administer the program of supervision.

Sec. 8. NRS 5.052 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5.052 1. If the ~~{county}~~ **city** in which a municipal court is situated ~~{does not have}~~ **has** a department of alternative sentencing, the ~~{municipal court may contract with a qualified person to}~~ **chief of that department shall** administer a program of supervision for persons whose sentences have been suspended pursuant to NRS 5.055 or who are sentenced to a term of residential confinement pursuant to NRS 5.076.

2. If the ~~{county}~~ **city** in which the municipal court is situated ~~{has}~~ **does not have** a department of alternative sentencing, the



- 1 ~~{chief of that department shall}~~ *municipal court may contract with*
2 *a qualified person to* administer the program of supervision.
3 **Sec. 9.** NRS 211A.030 is hereby repealed.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

211A.030 “Board” defined. “Board” means a board of county commissioners.

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