
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 225—ASSEMBLYMEN NEAL, THOMPSON,
DIAZ; BUSTAMANTE ADAMS AND MUNFORD

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS SEGERBLOM,
ATKINSON AND FORD

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing programs for reentry
of offenders and parolees into the community.
(BDR 16-45)

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 the Department of Corrections; requiring
certain provisions to be included in contracts entered into
between the Director of the Department of Corrections
and public or private entities to provide certain services to
offenders or parolees participating in a correctional or
judicial program for reentry of offenders and parolees into
the community; and providing other matters properly
relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes the Director of the Department of Corrections, after consulting with the Division of Parole and Probation of the Department of Public Safety, to enter into one or more contracts with one or more public or private entities to provide certain services, as necessary and appropriate, to offenders or parolees participating in a correctional or judicial program for reentry of offenders and parolees into the community. (NRS 209.4889) This bill requires such contracts to contain certain provisions concerning: (1) adequate and continuous funding for such services; (2) assessments of the risk levels of offenders and parolees; and (3) annual meetings between the Director, a representative of the Division, and entities which have entered into a contract with the Director to provide such services to offenders and parolees.



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

Section 1. 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 with the State Treasurer for credit to the Account for Reentry Programs in the State General Fund created by NRS 480.810.

4. *A contract entered into between the Director and a public or private entity pursuant to subsection 1 must:*

(a) Set forth one or more contingency plans which will enable the entity to continue to operate and provide services if funding is expended or not renewed.

(b) Require the entity to provide notice of when funding will end and when a contingency plan will begin, and inform the Director of how any resulting gap in funding will be fulfilled.

(c) Require the entity, to the extent financially practicable, to assess the risk levels of offenders and parolees by using the most effective data system available to assess such risk levels.

(d) Require the entity to share with the Director information concerning assessments of the risk levels of offenders and parolees so the Director can ensure that adequate assessments are being conducted.

(e) Require the entity to meet annually with the Director, a representative of the Division, and other entities that have entered



1 *into a contract with the Director pursuant to subsection 1 to*
2 *discuss, without limitation:*

3 *(1) The services provided by the entities, including the*
4 *growth and success of the services, any problems with the services*
5 *and any potential solutions to such problems;*

6 *(2) Issues relating to the reentry of offenders and parolees*
7 *into the community and reducing the risk of recidivism; and*

8 *(3) Issues relating to offenders and parolees who receive*
9 *services from an entity and are subsequently convicted of another*
10 *crime.*

11 **5.** As used in this section, “training in life skills” includes,
12 without limitation, training in the areas of:

13 (a) Parenting;

14 (b) Improving human relationships;

15 (c) Preventing domestic violence;

16 (d) Maintaining emotional and physical health;

17 (e) Preventing abuse of alcohol and drugs;

18 (f) Preparing for and obtaining employment; and

19 (g) Budgeting, consumerism and personal finances.

20 **Sec. 2.** The amendatory provisions of this act apply to a
21 contract entered into between the Director of the Department of
22 Corrections and a public or private entity pursuant to NRS
23 209.4889, as amended by section 1 of this act, after October 1, 2015.

