

Assembly Bill No. 225—Assemblymen Neal, Thompson,
Diaz; Bustamante Adams and Munford

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CHAPTER.....

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 removes the requirement that the Director consult with the Division before entering into such a contract and instead authorizes the Director to consult with the Division before entering into such a contract. This bill also requires such a contract to contain certain provisions concerning: (1) services that the entity will provide; (2) parolees who have completed or are currently participating in a program of services provided by the entity; (3) assessments of the risk levels and needs of offenders and parolees; and (4) 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.

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

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 may consult with the Division before entering into a contract with a public or private entity pursuant to subsection 1.*

3. 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.

~~13~~ 4. 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.

~~14~~ 5. *A contract entered into between the Director and a public or private entity pursuant to subsection 1 must require the entity to:*

(a) Provide a budget concerning all services the entity will provide during the duration of any grant received.

(b) Provide all services required by any grant received.

(c) Provide to the Department for its approval a curriculum for any program of services the entity will provide.

(d) Provide to the Division, if appropriate, a list of the parolees who have completed or are currently participating in a program of services provided by the entity pursuant to any grant received.

(e) Provide to any offender or parolee who completes a program of services provided by the entity a certificate of completion, and provide a copy of such a certificate to the Division or the Department, as appropriate.

(f) To the extent financially practicable and necessary, assess the risk levels and needs of offenders and parolees by using a validated assessment tool.

(g) Share with the Director information concerning assessments of the risk levels and needs of offenders and parolees so the Director can ensure that adequate assessments are being conducted.

(h) While the entity is providing services pursuant to the contract, meet annually with the Director, a representative of the



Division, and other entities that have entered into a contract with the Director pursuant to subsection 1 to discuss, without limitation:

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

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

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

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

