

SENATE BILL NO. 110—SENATOR HAMMOND

PREFILED JANUARY 28, 2019

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Establishes a program to award grants to certain community-based programs for reentry of offenders. (BDR S-563)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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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 offenders; establishing a program to award grants to certain community-based programs for reentry of offenders; requiring the Department of Corrections to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Department to prepare and submit an annual report to the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 1 of this bill: (1) requires the Department of Corrections to adopt a program to award grants of money to certain community-based programs to assist offenders to reenter the community; and (2) sets forth certain requirements for eligibility for such a grant.

Section 2 of this bill requires the Department of Corrections to adopt regulations to carry out the grant program.

Section 3 of this bill requires the Department of Corrections to prepare and submit an annual report to the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice and sets forth the minimum contents of that report.

Section 4 of this bill makes an appropriation to the Department of Corrections for the award of grants of money to community-based programs to assist offenders to reenter the community.



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

Section 1. 1. The Department of Corrections shall adopt a program to award grants to community-based programs to assist offenders to reenter the community.

2. The Department of Corrections may award a grant to a community-based program which is established by a nonprofit organization to assist offenders to reenter the community if the program:

- (a) Provides professional case management to offenders;
- (b) Is based upon the voluntary participation of offenders;
- (c) Includes training in life skills and job skills;
- (d) Assists offenders with job placement, including, without limitation, job referrals;
- (e) Assists offenders with housing placement and family reunification, including, without limitation, information for and assistance with counseling and requirements for child support;
- (f) Provides offenders with access to computers for the purposes of education, training and searching for or applying for employment or housing;
- (g) Provides offenders with referrals to treatment for mental illness and the abuse of alcohol or drugs;
- (h) Has a partnership with law enforcement;
- (i) Includes a program of mentorship, including, without limitation, the screening and ongoing training of mentors;
- (j) Has been in operation for not less than 3 years; and
- (k) Has a proven, successful record of reducing recidivism.

Sec. 2. The Department of Corrections shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this act. The regulations must include, without limitation:

1. The procedure by which a community-based program to assist offenders to reenter the community may apply for a grant of money pursuant to the program adopted by the Department pursuant to this act;

2. The criteria that the Department will consider in determining whether to award such a grant to a community-based program to assist offenders to reenter the community; and

3. Procedures to distribute the money in a fair and equitable manner.

Sec. 3. 1. The Department of Corrections shall prepare an annual report that includes, without limitation:

- (a) An identification of the programs that received a grant of money from the Department pursuant to section 2 of this act;
- (b) The amount of money each program received;



(c) A description of the services for which the money was used by each program;

(d) The number of offenders who participated in a program or received services;

(e) The average expenditure, per offender, for each program or service that was funded; and

(f) An evaluation of the effectiveness of the programs or services, including, without limitation, data regarding the job placement, housing placement and recidivism of offenders who participated in the programs or received services.

2. The annual report prepared pursuant to subsection 1 must be submitted on or before June 15 of each year to the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice.

Sec. 4. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Corrections for the awarding of grants pursuant to section 1 of this act the following sums:

For the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.....\$600,000

For the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.....\$600,000

2. The sums appropriated by subsection 1 must be accounted for separately from any other money received by the Department of Corrections and used only for the award of grants authorized pursuant to section 1 of this act.

3. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money must not be spent for any purpose after September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021, respectively, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021, respectively.

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019, and expires by limitation on September 30, 2021.

