

SENATE BILL NO. 321—SENATORS HAMMOND,
MANENDO AND SEGERBLOM

MARCH 20, 2017

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Establishes a program to award grants to certain community-based programs for reentry of offenders. (BDR S-1139)

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:

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

8 (a) Provides professional case management to offenders;
9 (b) Is based upon the voluntary participation of offenders;
10 (c) Includes training in life skills and job skills;
11 (d) Assists offenders with job placement, including, without
12 limitation, job referrals;

13 (e) Assists offenders with housing placement and family
14 reunification, including, without limitation, information for and
15 assistance with counseling and requirements for child support;

16 (f) Provides offenders with access to computers for the purposes
17 of education, training and searching for or applying for employment
18 or housing;

19 (g) Provides offenders with referrals to treatment for mental
20 illness and the abuse of alcohol or drugs;

21 (h) Has a partnership with law enforcement;
22 (i) Includes a program of mentorship, including, without
23 limitation, screening and ongoing training of mentors;
24 (j) Has been in operation for not less than 3 years; and
25 (k) Has a proven, successful record of reducing recidivism.

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

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

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

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

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

40 (a) An identification of the programs that received a grant of
41 money from the Department pursuant to section 2 of this act;

42 (b) The amount of money each program received;



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

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

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

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

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

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

17 For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 \$600,000

18 For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 \$600,000

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

23 3. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1
24 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be
25 committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal
26 years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity
27 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise
28 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated
29 money must not be spent for any purpose after September 21, 2018,
30 and September 20, 2019, respectively, by either the entity to which
31 the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was
32 subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the
33 State General Fund on or before September 21, 2018, and
34 September 20, 2019, respectively.

35 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017, and expires
36 by limitation on September 30, 2019.



