
DIGEST

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Leger

HB No. 914

Abstract: Creates the Community Corrections Performance Act. Appropriates monies to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections from savings due to reductions in recidivism.

Proposed law creates the Community Corrections Performance Act which directs the legislative fiscal office (the LFO) to annually calculate state prison savings by determining the change in the revocation rate and the new felony offense conviction rate of supervised individuals and any state savings due to a reduction in these rates.

Proposed law provides that up to 45% of the prison savings shall be annually appropriated to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (the dept.). However, none of the calculated savings shall be appropriated if there is an increase in the percentage of individuals supervised by the department who are convicted of a new felony offense.

The 45% of savings as a result of the reduction in the revocation rate and the 45% of savings as a result of the reduction in the new felony offense conviction rate shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) 30% to the dept.
- (2) An additional 5% shall be appropriated to the dept. if there is an increase in the percentage of supervised people who are employed for at least 25 hours per week, if this information is included in the LFO report.
- (3) An additional 5% shall be appropriated to the dept. if there is an increase in the percentage of people who are supervised by the dept. who are current in their payments of victim restitution, if this information is included in the LFO report.
- (4) An additional 5% shall be appropriated to the dept. if there is a decrease in the percentage of supervised people who test positive for controlled substances, if this information is included in the LFO report.

Prohibits the monies appropriated pursuant to proposed law from supplanting any other state or local appropriations for probation, parole or other post-prison supervision services.

Monies received through appropriations pursuant to proposed law shall be used for the implementation of practices which have a demonstrated reduction in recidivism; increasing the availability of risk reduction programs and interventions for supervised individuals; and grants to

nonprofit victim services organizations to assist victims and increase the amount of restitution collected from probationers.

On or before October 1 of each year, beginning in 2014, the judicial branch and the department shall jointly report to the LFO, the data necessary for the LFO to perform the calculations required in proposed law. The report shall provide separate figures for probation and parole or other forms of post-prison supervision and shall include by agency for the prior year, the number of supervised individuals, the number and percentage of revocations and the number and percentage of new state felony convictions.

Proposed law requires the LFO to prepare an annual report on or before Dec 1 beginning in 2014, including any calculations made and resulting performance incentive funding to be appropriated.

(Adds R.S. 39:89.1-89.7)