



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1066

LCO No. 4735



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF RECIDIVISM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) The Commissioners of Correction
2 and Mental Health and Addiction Services and the executive director
3 of the Court Support Services Division, or their designees, shall
4 conduct a study of the feasibility of creating a special population of
5 prison inmates suffering from drug abuse and dependency for
6 purposes of treatment and rehabilitation. Such study shall include a
7 review of other states' practices for the treatment and rehabilitation of
8 inmates suffering from drug abuse and dependency and the
9 applicability of such practices to Connecticut's correctional facilities.
10 Not later than January 1, 2016, the commissioners and executive
11 director, or their designees, shall report the findings of such study, in
12 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
13 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
14 cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary, public safety and
15 security and public health.

16 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) Any municipality may

17 document and provide to the Department of Correction the costs
18 associated with the provision of services by such municipality to a
19 homeless person on parole who is not a resident of such municipality
20 and whose offender accountability plan contains no strategy to obtain
21 housing. The Department of Correction shall reimburse such
22 municipality for any such reasonable costs. For purposes of this
23 section, "resident" means a person legally domiciled within the
24 municipality for a period of not less than one hundred eighty-three
25 days immediately preceding the first date of incarceration for the
26 sentence for which such person is on parole.

27 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) The sum of three hundred thousand
28 dollars is appropriated to the Office of Policy and Management, from
29 the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, for the
30 provision of reentry services to persons involved in the criminal justice
31 system in New Haven by the Family Reentry, Inc. (Fresh Start
32 Program).

33 (b) The sum of three hundred thousand dollars is appropriated to
34 the Office of Policy and Management, from the General Fund, for the
35 fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, for the provision of reentry services to
36 persons involved in the criminal justice system in New Haven by the
37 Family Reentry, Inc. (Fresh Start Program).

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To study the feasibility of creating a special population within prisons to help inmates suffering from drug abuse, to encourage the Department of Correction to work with the municipality on a parolee's offender accountability plan before the parolee is released, and to

provide resources to assist the program to address the needs of the Fresh Start reentry program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]