
Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Overview

The bill requires the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) and the Department of Youth Services (DYS) to actively recruit, and allow, appropriately qualified nonprofit faith-based, business, professional, civic, educational, and community organizations that are registered with these respective state entities to enter adult correctional institutions or youth facilities for the purpose of providing reentry services to inmates or delinquent children. Reentry services may include, but are not limited to, counseling, housing, job placement, and money management assistance.

The bill additionally requires both DRC and DYS to post a department telephone number on their respective official web sites that the above-noted organizations may call to obtain information about providing reentry services. The web sites must also list all of the organizations that are registered with DRC or DYS to provide reentry services.

Lastly, the bill requires DRC and DYS to issue annual written reports on their progress in implementing the recommendations of the Correctional Faith-Based Initiatives Task Force.

State fiscal effects

State expenditures

According to both DRC and DYS staff, the bill's mandatory recruitment and access provisions essentially codify the existing practices of both state entities, and the faith-based reentry services provisions will not produce any significant increase in expenditures related to such services. It is possible, however, that the codification of these requirements may raise the visibility of faith-based reentry services and increase the pool of vendors available and interested in providing reentry services. Staff of both state entities also noted that there may be some cost associated with producing the required annual reports, but that such a cost would be minimal at most and easily absorbed into the daily cost of doing business.

State revenues

The bill's faith-based reentry services provisions would not appear to have any direct fiscal effect on state revenues.

Local fiscal effects

The bill's faith-based reentry services provisions would not appear to have any direct fiscal effect on any of the state's political subdivisions.

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