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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: PURPOSE OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Summary of Legislation

This bill clarifies that the purpose of community corrections programs is to:

- further the purposes of sentencing and improve public safety by reducing future crime through research-based policies, practices, programs, and standards;
- prepare, select, and assist people transitioning from incarceration to the community through supported partnerships with local community corrections boards;
- set individualized conditions of community supervision and provide services and support to assist people in addressing risks and needs; and
- reduce risks and needs and ensure compliance with conditions of placement to achieve a successful discharge from community corrections supervision.

Background

There are approximately three dozen community corrections programs in the state. They are based in local communities and operated by private providers, non profit organizations, and local governments. Several state government entities oversee community corrections. The Division of Criminal Justice in the Department of Public Safety distributes state and federal funds to community corrections boards and programs, enforces standards through regular program audits, provides technical assistance, and collects statistical data. Parole officers within the Department of Corrections supervise offenders transitioning to community corrections after a term of incarceration (transition offenders) or those sent to community corrections as a condition of parole. Probation officers within the Judicial Department supervise offenders sent to community corrections as a condition of probation (diversion offenders). In FY 2015-16, about 60 percent of community corrections placements went to diversion offenders and 40 percent went to transition offenders or parolees.

Assessment

This bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact because it does not change the revenue, expenditures, or workload for any agency of state or local government. The bill makes the statutory definition of community corrections consistent with current practice.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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