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FINAL
FISCAL NOTE

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

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Rep. Primavera

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BILL TOPIC: CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM SALES OF GOODS

Summary of Legislation

This bill, *recommended by the Legislative Audit Committee*, authorizes the correctional education program in the Department of Corrections to sell goods and services to inmates, invited guests, employees of the department, governmental agencies, or non-profit organizations, provided certain conditions are met. In addition, prices and goods must be comparable to those in the private sector or the Colorado Community College system. The department is also required to have procedures for hearing, remedying, and reporting complaints by privately owned businesses concerning unfair competition with the correctional education program.

Background

The Department of Corrections has been selling goods and services as part of its vocational education program, for which the FY 2015-16 Long Bill includes an appropriation of \$735,467 cash funds and \$411,015 reappropriated funds. Senate Bill 16-099 is codifying current practice in response to a January 2015 audit of Colorado Correctional Industries. Revenue received by the program is currently credited to the Long Bill Education Grants Fund, and will be credited to the Correctional Education Program Fund following passage of Senate Bill 16-099. The department has procedures to hear, remedy, and report complaints from private business owners. According to the department, there have been approximately two complaints in the past eight years.

Assessment

Because this bill is codifying existing practice, it does not alter revenue or expenditures in the Department of Corrections or any other agency of local or state government. Therefore, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on April 14, 2016.

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