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Research Note

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Senate Bill 17-031

Sponsors

Senator Tate
Representative Arndt

Short Title

*Reporting Requirements By
Department Of Corrections to
the General Assembly*

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which was signed by the Governor on March 30, 2017, and becomes effective August 9, 2017, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

Background

Under existing Section 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), C.R.S., executive and judicial branch reports that are required to be made to the General Assembly expire three years after the report was first due. The General Assembly can remove the expiration of any reporting requirement.

Senate Action

Senate Judiciary Committee (January 23, 2017). At the hearing, the committee heard testimony in favor of the bill from representatives of the Department of Corrections (DOC). A representative of the ACLU of Colorado testified in opposition to certain sections of the bill. The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the Senate Committee of the whole.

Senate second reading (January 30, 2017). The Senate adopted amendment No. 1 (L.002), which repeals an administrative segregation reporting requirement, effective January 1, 2022. The remainder of the bill becomes effective 90 days after the end of the 2017 legislative session, assuming no referendum petition is filed. The Senate passed the bill, as amended, on second reading.

Senate third reading (February 1, 2017). The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

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Senate consideration of House amendments (March 15, 2017). The Senate concurred with the House amendments and repassed the bill.

House Action

House Judiciary Committee (March 7, 2017). At the hearing, the committee heard testimony in favor of the bill from a representative of the DOC. The committee adopted amendments L.004 and L.006, and referred the bill, as amended, to the House Committee of the Whole.

Amendment L.004 continues the DOC reporting requirement concerning the use of administrative segregation, and places a petition clause on the bill. Amendment L.006 continues the DOC reporting requirement concerning implementation of policies pursuant to the "Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003" within the youth offender system.

House second reading (March 10, 2017). The House adopted the House Judiciary Committee report, and passed the bill on second reading.

House third reading (March 13, 2017). The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

Relevant Research

Colorado Department of Corrections, Departmental Reports and Statistics webpage:
<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdoc/departmental-reports-and-statistics>.

Legislative Council Staff, Colorado General Assembly - Statutory Reports Online Database:
<http://www.leg.state.co.us/library/reports.nsf/reports.xsp>.