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Bill Topic: SUNSET OFFENDER REENTRY GRANT PROGRAM

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

Sunset bill. House Bill 18-1176 continues the offender reentry grant program in the Department of Corrections, from September 1, 2018 to September 1, 2023. By continuing this program, state expenditures are increased by \$1,733,971 beginning in FY 2019-20.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 18-1176

Table with 3 columns: Category, FY 2018-19, FY 2019-20. Rows include New Impacts (Revenue, Expenditures) and Continuing Program Impacts (Revenue, Expenditures).

* Table 1 shows the new impacts resulting from changes to the program under the bill and the continuing impacts from extending the program beyond its current repeal date. The continuing program impacts will end if the bill is not passed and the program is allowed to repeal.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the offender reentry grant program is set to repeal September 1, 2018. This bill continues this program until September 1, 2023. This bill also requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to release up to 25 percent of the annual grant program appropriation at the beginning of each fiscal year to a community-based organization that serves as an intermediary on behalf of the program's community partners. The intermediary must determine how much of this amount should be awarded to the community partners as a grant advance.

Background

The offender reentry grant program was created in 2014 by House Bill 13-1335, to provide funds to community partners that provide re-entry services with the goal of reducing recidivism, enhancing public safety, and increasing a parolee's chance of achieving success in the community. The Latin Coalition for Community Leadership serves as the intermediary between the DOC and the community partners. As an intermediary, the Latin Coalition for Community Leadership oversees the community partners and ensures proper records maintenance, use of grant funding, and provides technical, administrative, and financial guidance. The Latin Coalition for Community Leadership receives 15 percent of the funds appropriated to this program to cover its administrative costs with the remaining amount going to community partners. Parolees using this program must be assessed as medium to high risk for recidivism and enroll in the program. Since its creation in 2014, 1,737 parolees have participated, receiving services from 8 community partners.

Continuing Program Impacts

Based on the department's FY 2018-19 budget request, the DOC is expected to have expenditures of \$1,733,971 to fund the offender reentry program. If this bill is enacted and the Long Bill is approved, current expenditures will continue for the program starting in FY 2019-20. If this bill is not enacted, the program will end on September 1, 2018, following a wind-down period, and state revenue and expenditures will decrease starting in FY 2019-20 by the amounts shown in Table 1.

State Expenditures

While this bill changes the timing and method in which funds are received by Latin Coalition for Community Leadership for distribution to the community partners, it does not change the amount of funding that will be received; therefore, these changes do not require any additional appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 8, 2018, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2018, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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