



Legislative Council Staff

Nonpartisan Services for Colorado's Legislature

HB 18-1176

REVISED FISCAL NOTE

(replaces fiscal note dated April 9, 2018)

Drafting Number: LLS 18-0381
Prime Sponsors: Rep. Lee; Wist
Sen. Cooke

Date: April 17, 2018
Bill Status: Senate Judiciary
Fiscal Analyst: Chris Creighton | 303-866-5834
Chris.Creighton@state.co.us

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. This bill also appropriates \$3,286,000 to the Judicial Department and reappropriates that amount to the Department of Corrections to expand the grant program in FY 2018-19.

Appropriation Summary: This bill appropriates \$3,286,000 to the Judicial Department and reappropriates that amount to the Department of Corrections.

Fiscal Note Status: This revised fiscal note reflects the introduced, bill as amended by the House Judiciary Committee.

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, Transfers) 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.

For FY 2018-19, the bill appropriates \$3,286,000 to the Judicial Department to be reappropriated to the DOC for the offender reentry grant program. These funds are to be used to maximize the number of grant recipients and add grant recipients in undeserved communities especially, in rural areas, and one or more grant recipients specializing in reentry services for women offenders.

Background and Assumptions

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 Latino Coalition for Community Leadership serves as the intermediary between the DOC and the community partners. As an intermediary, the Latino 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 Latino 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.

The Correctional Treatment Cash Fund is overseen by the Judicial Department and the FY 2016-17 year-end fund balance was \$5,110,884. The FY 2017-18 projected year-end fund balance is \$6,411,194. The Correctional Treatment Board decides how to allocate these funds and this allocation must be approved by the General Assembly.

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

This bill increases state expenditures by \$3,286,000 in FY 2018-19. These funds will be utilized by the DOC and the Latino Coalition for Community Leadership to expand the offender reentry grant program and will be granted to existing and new community providers.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

For FY 2018-19 this bill appropriates of \$3,286,000 from the Correctional Treatment Cash Fund to the Department of Corrections. Of this, \$3,286,000 is reappropriated from the Judicial Department Offender Treatment and Services line-item.

State and Local Government Contacts

Corrections
Labor

Information Technology
Public Safety

Judicial