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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1998

Introduced by Assembly Member Chan
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Jones, Koretz, and Lieber)

February 9, 2006

An act to add and repeal Section 3055 of the Penal Code, relating to parole.

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AB 1998, as amended, Chan. Parole: prerelease program: Alameda County.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to establish 3 pilot programs that provide training and counseling for female parolees to assist in their successful reintegration into the community.

This bill would require the department to contract for the establishment and operation of a 3-year prerelease parole pilot program in Alameda County for male and female offenders who were convicted of a nonviolent offense, in order to provide coordination between departmental and community service providers to ensure that offenders transition smoothly from services during incarceration through reentry programs. The bill would require the contractee to report to the Legislature and the Governor on the cost-effectiveness of the program by January 1, 2010.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3055 is added to the Penal Code, to
2 read:
3 3055. (a) The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
4 shall contract for the establishment and operation of a prerelease
5 parole pilot program in Alameda County.
6 (b) The purpose of the program is to provide coordination
7 between departmental and community service providers to ensure
8 that parolees transition smoothly from services during
9 incarceration through reentry programs.
10 (c) (1) The program shall prepare participants who will be
11 entering a reentry services program.
12 (2) Up to one year prior to his or her release on parole from
13 any state correctional facility to Alameda County, any male or
14 female inmate who has been committed for a nonviolent offense
15 may enroll in the program.
16 (d) The program shall include, but not be limited to, a
17 prerelease assessment screening for needed educational,
18 employment-related, medical, substance abuse and mental health
19 services, housing assistance, and other social services.
20 (e) In awarding a contract pursuant to this section, the
21 secretary may accept proposals from public and private
22 not-for-profit entities located in ~~the county~~ *Alameda County*.
23 (f) The contractee, with the assistance of an independent
24 consultant with expertise in criminal justice programs, shall
25 complete a report that evaluates the cost-effectiveness of the
26 prerelease program with respect to the effect of the program on
27 the recidivism rate of the participants. The contractee shall
28 submit that report to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees
29 of the Legislature, and to the Governor, no later than January 1,
30 2010. The Legislature intends that no more than 5 percent of the
31 cost of the program should be expended to prepare and submit
32 the report.

1 (g) This section shall remain in effect until January 1, 2011,
2 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute that
3 is enacted before January 1, 2011, deletes or extends that date.

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