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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2436**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Ruskin  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Dymally)**

February 23, 2006

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2436, as amended, Ruskin. Imprisonment: parole: programs.

Existing law requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to establish 3 pilot programs to provide intensive training and counseling to female parolees to help the parolees reintegrate into society.

This bill would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to establish a pilot program in East Palo Alto for parolees returning to East Palo Alto which would conduct needs-based assessments of the individual parolees, partner with East Palo Alto police officers, and blend enforcement and programming services, as specified. The bill would require the department to ~~report to the Legislature and the Governor not later than January 1, 2009, maintain information~~ on the effectiveness of the program, as specified, *and report to the Legislature on request*. The bill would state its operation

is contingent upon consent by the City of East Palo Alto to participate in the pilot program. The bill would also provide that these provisions would be repealed on January 1, 2010.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. The Legislature finds and declares the  
2 following:

3 (a) Support services provided to parolees helps the parolee  
4 reintegrate into society and reduces recidivism rates.

5 (b) The creation of a pilot program in East Palo Alto will help  
6 the Legislature determine the effectiveness of the program.

7 SEC. 2. Section 3055 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

8 3055. (a) The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation,  
9 to the extent existing resources are available or additional  
10 resources for these purposes are appropriated, shall establish a  
11 reentry program in the City of East Palo Alto.

12 (b) The reentry program may include, but is not limited to, the  
13 following components:

14 (1) A prerelease needs assessment of inmates scheduled to  
15 parole to East Palo Alto.

16 (2) A partnership between parole agents and local law  
17 enforcement officers in supervising parolees released to East  
18 Palo Alto.

19 (3) Development of a reentry plan identifying services needed  
20 by the parolee.

21 (4) A partnership with local community organizations and  
22 service providers to provide support services to parolees such as  
23 transitional housing, job training, or placement, or substance  
24 abuse treatment.

25 ~~(e) The department shall complete a report that evaluates the~~  
26 ~~cost-effectiveness of the prerelease program with respect to the~~  
27 ~~effect of the program on the recidivism rate of the participants.~~  
28 ~~The department shall submit the report to the appropriate policy~~  
29 ~~and fiscal committees of the Legislature, and to the Governor, no~~  
30 ~~later than January 1, 2009.~~

31 (c) *The department shall maintain statistical information*  
32 *related to this reentry program, including, but not limited to, the*

1 *number of parolees served and the rate of return to prison for*  
2 *those parolees. This information shall be provided to the*  
3 *Legislature upon request.*

4 (d) This section shall become operative only upon the consent  
5 of the City of East Palo Alto to participate in the pilot program.

6 (e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1,  
7 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted  
8 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends  
9 that date.

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