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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2917

Introduced by Assembly Member Goldberg

February 24, 2006

An act to ~~amend Section 6250.5 of~~ *add Section 6251.5 to* the Penal Code, relating to community correctional facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2917, as amended, Goldberg. Community correctional ~~facilities~~ *centers*.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to contract for the establishment and operation of community correctional facilities that offer programs for the treatment of addiction to alcohol or controlled substances, based on the therapeutic community model, under certain conditions.

This bill would require the department to ~~contract for those facilities under those same conditions~~ *expand the use of community correctional centers in order to manage, supervise, and treat nonviolent, nonserious female offenders*.

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 6251.1 is added to the Penal Code, to*
- 2 *read:*
- 3 *6251.1. The department shall expand the use of community*
- 4 *correctional centers, including camps, mother infant centers,*

1 community correctional facilities, reentry centers, substance
2 abuse treatment facilities, and other similar facilities, in order to
3 manage, supervise, and treat nonviolent, nonserious female
4 offenders, consistent with the recommendations of the
5 department's Gender Responsive Strategies Commission
6 regarding female offender housing and rehabilitation. The
7 purpose of the expansion is to increase options for community
8 assessment, placements, and services for those inmates, using
9 evidence-based research. In doing so, the Female Offender
10 Program and Services Office within the department shall work
11 collaboratively with persons with expertise from the following
12 areas: Legislature, community leaders, treatment providers,
13 labor groups, previously incarcerated persons, and national
14 experts.

15 SECTION 1. Section 6250.5 of the Penal Code is amended to
16 read:

17 ~~6250.5. (a) The Secretary of the Department of Corrections~~
18 ~~and Rehabilitation shall contract for the establishment and~~
19 ~~operation of community correctional facilities that offer~~
20 ~~programs for the treatment of addiction to alcohol or controlled~~
21 ~~substances based on the therapeutic community model, only if~~
22 ~~the cost per inmate of operating the facilities will be less than the~~
23 ~~cost per inmate of operating similar state facilities. The~~
24 ~~Legislature finds and declares that the purpose of a therapeutic~~
25 ~~community program, which emphasizes alcohol and controlled~~
26 ~~substance rehabilitation, is to substantially increase the likelihood~~
27 ~~of successful parole for those inmates.~~

28 (b) Each facility under contract pursuant to this section shall
29 provide programs that prepare each inmate for successful
30 reintegration into society. Those programs shall involve constant
31 counseling in drug and alcohol abuse, employment skills, victim
32 awareness, and family responsibility, and generally shall prepare
33 each inmate for return to society. The programs also shall
34 emphasize literacy training and use computer-supported training
35 so that inmates may improve their reading and writing skills. The
36 program shall include postincarceration counseling and care in
37 order to ensure a greater opportunity for success.

38 (c) The department may enter into a long-term agreement, not
39 to exceed 20 years, for transfer of prisoners to, or placement of
40 prisoners in, facilities under contract pursuant to this section.

1 ~~(d) The department shall provide for the review of any~~
2 ~~agreement entered into under this section to determine if the~~
3 ~~contractor is in compliance with the terms of this section. The~~
4 ~~review shall be conducted at least every five years. The~~
5 ~~department may revoke any agreement if the contractor is not in~~
6 ~~compliance with this section.~~

7 ~~(e) Notwithstanding the Public Contract Code or Article 10~~
8 ~~(commencing with Section 1200) of Title 15 of the California~~
9 ~~Code of Regulations, the Department of Corrections and~~
10 ~~Rehabilitation shall select an independent contractor to conduct~~
11 ~~an annual audit and cost comparison evaluation of any programs~~
12 ~~established under this section. Any contract for annual audits and~~
13 ~~evaluation shall provide that the annual report, whether in final or~~
14 ~~draft form, and all working papers and data, shall be available for~~
15 ~~immediate review upon request by the department.~~

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