

Introduced by Senator Romero

February 14, 2007

An act relating to public safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 263, as introduced, Romero. Rehabilitative programs.

Existing law generally regulates the confinement and treatment of inmates in correctional facilities.

This bill would make specified findings and declarations regarding the benefits of rehabilitative programs to reduce recidivism among inmates and would declare the Legislature's intent to enact legislation addressing this topic.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares as follows:
- 2 (1) It is essential that the Department of Corrections and
- 3 Rehabilitation provides inmates with rehabilitative programs.
- 4 (2) Research shows that rehabilitative programs reduce the
- 5 likelihood that an inmate will become a repeat offender.
- 6 (3) Research further shows that educational programs can
- 7 produce significant reduction in rates of recidivism.
- 8 (b) Therefore it is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 9 legislation addressing the rehabilitation of inmates.

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