

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 151

Introduced by Assembly Member Ruskin

January 23, 2009

An act to amend Section 3055 of the Penal Code, relating to parole.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 151, as introduced, Ruskin. Imprisonment: parole: programs.

Existing law requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to establish a pilot program, until January 1, 2010, in East Palo Alto for parolees returning to East Palo Alto. Existing law provides that the program may include, but is not limited to, a prerelease needs-based assessment of inmates scheduled to parole to East Palo Alto, a reentry plan identifying services needed by the parolees, and partnerships with East Palo Alto police officers, community organizations, and service providers, as specified. Existing law requires the department to maintain information on the effectiveness of the program, as specified, and report to the Legislature on request. Existing law provides that the program's operation is contingent upon consent by the City of East Palo Alto to participate in the pilot program.

This bill would extend the sunset date of the pilot program until January 1, 2012.

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 of the Penal Code is amended to
2 read:

1 3055. (a) The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation,
2 to the extent existing resources are available or additional resources
3 for these purposes are appropriated, shall establish a reentry
4 program in the City of East Palo Alto.
5 (b) The reentry program may include, but is not limited to, the
6 following components:
7 (1) A prerelease needs assessment of inmates scheduled to parole
8 to East Palo Alto.
9 (2) A partnership between parole agents and local law
10 enforcement officers in supervising parolees released to East Palo
11 Alto.
12 (3) Development of a reentry plan identifying services needed
13 by the parolee.
14 (4) A partnership with local community organizations and
15 service providers to provide support services to parolees such as
16 transitional housing, job training, or placement, or substance abuse
17 treatment.
18 (c) The department shall maintain statistical information related
19 to this reentry program, including, but not limited to, the number
20 of parolees served and the rate of return to prison for those parolees.
21 This information shall be provided to the Legislature upon request.
22 (d) This section shall become operative only upon the consent
23 of the City of East Palo Alto to participate in the pilot program.
24 (e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, ~~2010~~
25 ~~2012~~, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,
26 that is enacted before January 1, ~~2010~~ ~~2012~~, deletes or extends
27 that date.