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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2326**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bass**

February 19, 2010

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An act to amend Section 5056.5 of the Penal Code, relating to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Reentry Advisory Committee.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2326, as amended, Bass. Reentry Advisory Committee.

Existing law requires the Secretary of *the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation* to establish, until January 1, 2011, a Reentry Advisory Committee, comprised as specified, to advise the secretary on matters related to the successful planning, implementation, and outcomes of all reentry programs and services in the department, with the goal of reducing recidivism. Existing law provides that the committee shall meet at least quarterly and that committee members shall receive compensation for travel expenses but no other compensation.

This bill would expand the membership of the committee by 3 members, as specified. ~~The bill would require additional reports by the committee, and would require the committee to develop a comprehensive resource guide for community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, service providers, law enforcement agencies, and industry and governmental entities, as specified.~~ The bill would ~~remove the requirement~~ *provide* that the committee meet at least quarterly and

~~instead provide that the committee shall meet upon call of the secretary.~~  
 The bill would also remove the requirement that committee members shall receive compensation for travel expenses, as specified, and instead provide that committee members shall serve without compensation. *The bill would require the secretary, in consultation with the committee, to apply for specified federal grants and, if grant funding is awarded, to develop a comprehensive strategic reentry plan containing annual and 5-year performance goals, as specified, to include the goal of reducing the rate of recidivism by 50% over a 5-year period for offenders released from prison, jail, or a juvenile facility who are served with federal grant funds, as measured by specified outcomes. The bill would require the secretary, in consultation with the committee, to submit an annual report to the Legislature and the United States Attorney General detailing the progress toward achieving strategic performance outcomes, as specified.* The bill would extend the operation of the committee until January 1, 2016.

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 5056.5 of the Penal Code is amended to  
 2     read:  
 3     5056.5. (a) On or before July 1, 2007, the Secretary of the  
 4     Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall establish a  
 5     Reentry Advisory Committee. The committee shall report to the  
 6     secretary, who shall serve as chair of the committee. The committee  
 7     shall include representation from stakeholders in the successful  
 8     administration of reentry programming and shall be comprised of  
 9     the following members, appointed by the secretary:  
 10    (1) A representative of the California League of Cities.  
 11    (2) A representative of the California State Association of  
 12    Counties.  
 13    (3) A representative of the California State Sheriffs' Association.  
 14    (4) A representative of the California Police Chiefs' Association.  
 15    (5) A representative of the Department of Corrections and  
 16    Rehabilitation Adult Parole Operations.  
 17    (6) A representative of the State Department of Mental Health.  
 18    (7) A representative of the State Department of Social Services.

1 (8) A representative of the *State Department of Health Care*  
2 *Services*.

3 (9) A representative of the Labor and Workforce Development  
4 Agency.

5 (10) A representative of the County Alcohol and Drug Program  
6 Administrators Association.

7 (11) A representative of the California Association of Alcohol  
8 and Drug Program Executives.

9 (12) An individual with experience in providing housing for  
10 low-income individuals.

11 (13) A recognized expert in restorative justice programs.

12 (14) An individual with experience in providing education and  
13 vocational training services.

14 (15) An independent consultant with expertise in community  
15 corrections and reentry services.

16 (16) *A public defender or private defense attorney.*

17 (17) *A representative of a community-based organization who*  
18 *is familiar with the reentry needs of former offenders and who has*  
19 *experience advocating for former offenders and with providing*  
20 *reentry services in southern California.*

21 (18) *A representative of a faith-based organization who is*  
22 *familiar with the reentry needs of former offenders and who has*  
23 *experience advocating for former offenders and providing reentry*  
24 *services in northern California.*

25 (b) ~~The Reentry Advisory Committee shall meet at least~~  
26 ~~quarterly at a time and place determined by the secretary.~~  
27 ~~Committee members shall receive compensation for travel expenses~~  
28 ~~pursuant to existing regulations, but no other compensation not~~  
29 ~~less frequently than each quarter and shall also meet upon call of~~  
30 ~~the secretary. Members of the committee shall serve without~~  
31 ~~compensation.~~

32 (c) The Reentry Advisory Committee shall advise the secretary  
33 on all matters related to the successful statewide planning,  
34 implementation, and outcomes of all reentry programs and services  
35 provided by the department, with the goal of reducing recidivism  
36 of all persons under the jurisdiction of the department. The  
37 committee shall consider and advise the secretary on the following  
38 issues:

39 (1) ~~Encouraging collaboration~~ *collaborative reentry activities*  
40 among key stakeholders at the state and local levels.

1 (2) Developing a knowledge base of *best practice models and*  
2 *programs related to* what people need to successfully return to  
3 their communities from prison and what resources communities  
4 need to successfully provide for these needs.

5 (3) Incorporating reentry outcomes into department  
6 organizational missions and work plans as priorities.

7 (4) Funding of reentry programs.

8 (5) Promoting systems of integration and coordination.

9 (6) Measuring outcomes and evaluating the impact of reentry  
10 programs.

11 (7) Educating the public about reentry programs and their role  
12 in public safety.

13 *(d) The committee shall produce reports at the request of the*  
14 *Legislature or Governor. Any reports generated by the committee*  
15 *shall be posted on the department's Internet Web site.*

16 *(e) The secretary, in consultation with the committee, shall*  
17 *immediately seek and apply for grant funding available through*  
18 *the federal Second Chance Act of 2007: Community Safety Through*  
19 *Recidivism Prevention (Public Law 110-199).*

20 *(f) As required by the federal Second Chance Act of 2007, if*  
21 *grant funding is awarded for this purpose, the secretary, in*  
22 *consultation with the committee, shall develop a comprehensive*  
23 *strategic reentry plan containing annual and five-year performance*  
24 *goals. The comprehensive reentry plan shall seek to reduce the*  
25 *rate of recidivism by 50 percent over a five-year period for*  
26 *offenders released from prison, jail, or a juvenile facility who are*  
27 *served with funds provided under the federal Second Chance Act*  
28 *of 2007. The outcome measures for the plan developed pursuant*  
29 *to this subdivision may include, but shall not be limited to, the*  
30 *following:*

31 *(1) Reduction in crime.*

32 *(2) Increase in employment and educational opportunities.*

33 *(3) Reduction in supervised release violations.*

34 *(4) Increase in child support obligation compliance.*

35 *(5) Reduction in drug and alcohol abuse.*

36 *(6) Increase in participation in substance abuse and mental*  
37 *health services.*

38 *(7) Other outcome measures that correlate positively with the*  
39 *reentry success rate of offenders who transition out of prisons,*  
40 *jails, or juvenile facilities.*

1 (g) If grant funding is awarded for the purposes specified in  
2 subdivision (f), the secretary, in consultation with the committee,  
3 shall develop the comprehensive strategic reentry plan in  
4 consultation with community members and stakeholders, including  
5 persons in the fields of public safety, juvenile and adult corrections,  
6 housing, health, education, substance abuse, child and family  
7 services, victim services, employment, and business, and members  
8 of nonprofit organizations working on reentry policy or providing  
9 reentry services.

10 (h) If grant funding is awarded for the purposes specified in  
11 subdivision (f), the secretary, in consultation with the committee,  
12 shall submit an annual report to the Legislature and the United  
13 States Attorney General detailing the progress of grantees toward  
14 achieving strategic performance outcomes and describing other  
15 activities conducted by grantees to increase the success rates of  
16 the reentry population, such as programs that foster effective risk  
17 management and treatment, offender accountability, and  
18 community and victim participation. Any reports pursuant to this  
19 subdivision shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795  
20 of the Government Code.

21 ~~(i)~~

22 (i) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2014  
23 2016, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,  
24 that is enacted before January 1, 2014 2016, deletes or extends  
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