

Introduced by Senator Hancock

February 18, 2015

An act to amend Section 6250.5 of the Penal Code, relating to corrections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 261, as introduced, Hancock. Community correctional 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. Existing law requires each facility under contract to provide programs that prepare each inmate for successful reintegration into society.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

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. Section 6250.5 of the Penal Code is amended to
2 read:
3 6250.5. (a) ~~The Director of Corrections~~ *Secretary of the*
4 *Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation* may contract for
5 the establishment and operation of community correctional
6 facilities that offer programs for the treatment of addiction to
7 alcohol or controlled substances based on the therapeutic
8 community model, only if the cost per inmate of operating the

1 facilities will be less than the cost per inmate of operating similar
2 state facilities. The Legislature finds and declares that the purpose
3 of a therapeutic community program, which emphasizes alcohol
4 and controlled substance rehabilitation, is to substantially increase
5 the likelihood of successful parole for those inmates.

6 (b) Each facility under contract pursuant to this section shall
7 provide programs that prepare each inmate for successful
8 reintegration into society. Those programs shall involve constant
9 counseling in drug and alcohol abuse, employment skills, victim
10 awareness, and family responsibility, and generally shall prepare
11 each inmate for return to society. The programs also shall
12 emphasize literacy training and use computer-supported training
13 so that inmates may improve their reading and writing skills. The
14 program shall include postincarceration counseling and care in
15 order to ensure a greater opportunity for success.

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

19 (d) The department shall provide for the review of ~~any~~ *an*
20 agreement entered into under this section to determine if the
21 contractor is in compliance with the terms of this section. The
22 review shall be conducted at least every five years. The department
23 may revoke any agreement if the contractor is not in compliance
24 with this section.

25 (e) Notwithstanding the Public Contract Code or Article 10
26 (commencing with Section 1200) of Title 15 of the California Code
27 of Regulations, the Department of Corrections *and Rehabilitation*
28 shall select an independent contractor to conduct an annual audit
29 and cost comparison evaluation of any programs established under
30 this section. ~~Any~~ A contract for annual audits and evaluation shall
31 provide that the annual report, whether in final or draft form, and
32 all working papers and data, shall be available for immediate
33 review upon request by the department.