

Introduced by Senator Hancock

February 27, 2015

An act to *amend Section 3016 of, and to add Section 5055.5 to to,* the Penal Code, relating to prisons.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 601, as amended, Hancock. Corrections: prisons: ~~accountability report.~~ *reports.*

Existing law provides that the supervision, management, and control of the state prisons, and the responsibility for the care, custody, treatment, training, discipline, and employment of persons confined therein are vested in the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. *Existing law requires the Secretary to establish the Case Management Reentry Pilot Program for specified offenders who are likely to benefit from a case management reentry strategy. Existing law requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to submit a final report of the findings from its evaluation of the pilot program to the Legislature and the Governor by a specified date.*

This bill would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to submit a final report of the findings from its evaluation of the Case Management Reentry Pilot Program to the Legislature and the Governor by no later than July 31, 2017.

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The bill would also require the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to develop a ~~Corrections Accountability Report on January 10, March 15, and a fiscal year-end report, Data Dashboard on a quarterly basis~~ containing specified information

regarding each institution, including, among other information, the total budget, including actual expenditures, staff vacancies and the number of authorized staff positions, overtime, sick leave, and the average length of lockdowns number of use of force incidents, and to post those reports on the department's Internet Web site, as provided.

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 3016 of the Penal Code is amended to
2 read:

3 3016. (a) The Secretary of the Department of Corrections and
4 Rehabilitation shall establish the Case Management Reentry Pilot
5 Program for offenders under the jurisdiction of the department
6 who have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment under Section
7 1170 and are likely to benefit from a case management reentry
8 strategy designed to address homelessness, joblessness, mental
9 disorders, and developmental disabilities among offenders
10 transitioning from prison into the community. The purpose of the
11 pilot program is to implement promising and evidence-based
12 practices and strategies that promote improved public safety
13 outcomes for offenders reentering society after serving a term in
14 state prison and while released to parole.

15 (b) The program shall be initiated in at least three counties over
16 three years, supported by department employees focusing primarily
17 on case management services for eligible parolees selected for the
18 pilot program. Department employees shall be experienced or
19 trained to work as social workers with a parole population.
20 Selection of a parolee for participation in the pilot program does
21 not guarantee the availability of services.

22 (c) Case management social workers shall assist offenders on
23 parole who are assigned to the program in managing basic needs,
24 including housing, job training and placement, medical and mental
25 health care, and any additional programming or responsibilities
26 attendant to the terms of the offender's reentry requirements. Case
27 management social workers also shall work closely with offenders
28 to prepare, monitor, revise, and fulfill individualized offender
29 reentry plans consistent with this section during the term of the
30 program.

1 (d) Individualized offender reentry plans shall focus on
2 connecting offenders to services for which the offender is eligible
3 under existing federal, state, and local rules.

4 (e) Case management services shall be prioritized for offenders
5 identified as potentially benefiting from assistance with the
6 following:

7 (1) Food, including the immediate need and long-term planning
8 for obtaining food.

9 (2) Clothing, including the immediate need to obtain appropriate
10 clothing.

11 (3) Shelter, including obtaining housing consistent with the
12 goals of the most independent, least restrictive and potentially
13 durable housing in the local community and that are feasible for
14 the circumstances of each reentering offender.

15 (4) Benefits, including, but not limited to, the California Work
16 Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids program, general
17 assistance, benefits administered by the federal Social Security
18 Administration, Medi-Cal, and veterans benefits.

19 (5) Health services, including assisting parolee clients with
20 accessing community mental health, medical, and dental treatment.

21 (6) Substance abuse services, including assisting parolee clients
22 with obtaining community substance abuse treatment or related
23 12-step program information and locations.

24 (7) Income, including developing and implementing a feasible
25 plan to obtain an income and employment reflecting the highest
26 level of work appropriate for a reentering offender's abilities and
27 experience.

28 (8) Identification cards, including assisting reentering offenders
29 with obtaining state identification cards.

30 (9) Life skills, including assisting with the development of skills
31 concerning money management, job interviewing, resume writing,
32 and activities of daily living.

33 (10) Activities, including working with reentering offenders in
34 choosing and engaging in suitable and productive activities.

35 (11) Support systems, including working with reentering
36 offenders on developing a support system, which may consist of
37 prosocial friends, family, and community groups and activities,
38 such as religious activities, recovery groups, and other social
39 events.

(12) Academic and vocational programs, including assisting reentering offenders in developing and implementing a realistic plan to achieve an academic education, or vocational training, or both.

(13) Discharge planning, including developing postparole plans to sustain parolees' achievements and goals to insure long-term community success.

(f) The department shall contract for an evaluation of the pilot program that will assess its effectiveness in reducing recidivism among offenders transitioning from prison into the community.

(g) The department shall submit a final report of the findings from its evaluation of the pilot program to the Legislature and the Governor no later than ~~three years after the enactment of Assembly Bill 1457 or Senate Bill 851 of the 2013–14 Regular Session. The report shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code. July 31, 2017.~~

(h) Implementation of this article is contingent on the availability of funds and the pilot program may be limited in scope or duration based on the availability of funds.

SECTION 1.

SEC. 2. Section 5055.5 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

5055.5. (a) The Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall develop a ~~Corrections Accountability Report~~ *Data Dashboard* as described in subdivisions (b) and (c) for each institution on ~~January 10, March 15, and a fiscal year-end report a quarterly basis~~ and post those reports on the department's Internet Web site. The department shall post both current fiscal-year reports and reports for the immediately preceding three fiscal years for each institution. The department shall also post corrections made to inaccurate or incomplete data to current or previous reports.

(b) Each report shall include ~~the three-year statewide recidivism rate;~~ a brief biography of the warden, including whether he or she is an acting or permanent warden, ~~contact information for the warden;~~ and a brief description of the prison, including the total number *and level* of inmates.

(c) Each report shall be created using ~~when possible, the following~~ information *already* collected using the ~~Compstat~~ *COMPSTAT* (computer assisted statistics) reports for each prison;

1 ~~or other verifiable information collected by the department, and~~
2 shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following indicators:

3 (1) ~~Total budget, including actual expenditures, staff~~ *Staff*
4 vacancies, overtime, sick leave, and number of authorized staff
5 positions.

6 (2) Rehabilitation programs, including *enrollment* capacity,
7 *actual* enrollment, and diploma and GED completion rate.

8 ~~(3) Average length of lockdowns.~~

9 ~~(4)~~

10 (3) Number of deaths, specifying homicides, suicides,
11 unexpected deaths, and expected deaths.

12 ~~(5)~~

13 (4) Number of use of force incidents.

14 ~~(6)~~

15 (5) Number of inmate appeals, including the number being
16 processed, overdue, ~~and~~ dismissed, *and upheld*.

17 ~~(7)~~

18 (6) Number of inmates in administrative segregation.

19 ~~(8)~~

20 (7) Total contraband seized, specifying the number of cellular
21 telephones *and drugs*.

22 (d) *Each report shall also include the following information,*
23 *which is not currently collected or displayed by COMPSTAT:*

24 (1) *Total budget, including actual expenditures.*

25 (2) *Number of days in lockdown.*