

**Introduced by Senators Vasconcellos and Polanco**

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An act to add Section 3069 to the Penal Code, relating to parolees, and making an appropriation therefor.

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SB 1987, as introduced, Vasconcellos. Parolees: substance abuse treatment and employment training.

Existing law provides for a parolee substance abuse treatment plan and for a preventing parolee crime program, as specified.

This bill would appropriate \$13,500,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Corrections for a 3-year demonstration project, the purpose of which is to provide substance abuse treatment services and parallel employment preparation training, as specified, to felons who are to be paroled.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 3069 is added to the Penal Code,  
2 to read:  
3 3069. (a) (1) A highly structured program of  
4 in-prison substance abuse treatment services and parallel  
5 in-prison employment preparation training shall be  
6 provided by agencies within the California Therapeutic  
7 Communities Association, or by similar agencies



1 approved by the Department of Corrections, to felons  
2 who are to be paroled.

3 (2) The substance abuse treatment program shall  
4 include the following components, with not less than 20  
5 hours per week of substance abuse treatment and at least  
6 10 hours of structured optional treatment:

- 7 (A) Orientation and assessment.
- 8 (B) Substance abuse and recovery.
- 9 (C) Monitoring progress.
- 10 (D) Transitional strategies.

11 (3) The employment preparation training shall be  
12 provided for at least five hours per week for inmates that  
13 are 90 days from release and may include the following:

- 14 (A) Skills identification.
- 15 (B) Goal setting.
- 16 (C) Problem solving and decisionmaking.
- 17 (D) Job development.
- 18 (E) Interview skills.
- 19 (F) Resume development.
- 20 (G) Job retention issues and resolutions.

21 (b) (1) Once the parolee transitions back to the  
22 community, services shall be provided to the parolee in  
23 both a residential and employment training setting.

24 (2) Agencies participating in the Community  
25 Corrections Coalition of California, or similar agencies  
26 approved by the department, shall assist with reentry  
27 services.

28 (3) Integrated case management serving the parolees'  
29 substance treatment, employment preparation, and job  
30 placement shall be maintained.

31 (4) (A) When appropriate, a parolee shall obtain  
32 extensive assistance at a multiservice facility that offers  
33 the following services:

- 34 (i) Substance abuse treatment.
- 35 (ii) Counseling.
- 36 (iii) Vocational assessment.
- 37 (iv) Transitional supportive services, including, but  
38 not limited to, independent housing, transportation,  
39 meals, work clothing, and work tools.
- 40 (v) Job development and placement services.



1 (vi) Postemployment services.

2 (vii) Monitoring at 30, 60, 90, 120, or 180 days.

3 (B) There shall be four multiservice facilities  
4 statewide, two in northern California and two in southern  
5 California.

6 (c) The Department of Corrections shall conduct a  
7 study to determine the impact of the program of  
8 substance abuse treatment services and parallel  
9 employment preparation training on parolee stability,  
10 employment retention, and recidivism, and a cost-benefit  
11 analysis. The department shall report its findings to the  
12 Legislature by July 1, 2004.

13 (d) (1) The program of substance abuse treatment  
14 services and parallel employment preparation training  
15 shall be a demonstration project that shall start on July 1,  
16 2004 and shall continue for three years.

17 (2) The program of substance abuse treatment  
18 services and parallel employment preparation training  
19 shall serve at least 2,000 parolees the first year, 3,000  
20 parolees the second year, and 4,000 parolees in the third  
21 and final year.

22 (3) The program of substance abuse treatment  
23 services and parallel employment preparation training  
24 shall cost no more than one thousand five hundred  
25 (\$1,500) per participant.

26 SEC. 2. The sum of thirteen million five hundred  
27 thousand dollars (\$13,500,000) is hereby appropriated  
28 from the General Fund to the Department of Corrections  
29 for the purposes of this act, according to the following  
30 schedule:

31 (a) Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the first year  
32 of the demonstration project in order to serve 2,000  
33 participants.

34 (b) Four million five hundred thousand dollars  
35 (\$4,500,000) for the second year of the demonstration  
36 project in order to serve 3,000 participants.



1 (c) Six million dollars (\$6,000,000) for the third and  
2 final year of the demonstration project in order to serve  
3 4,000 participants.

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