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SENATE BILL

No. 1987

**Introduced by Senators Vasconcellos, McPherson, and
Polanco**

February 25, 2000

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1987, as amended, 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 \$11,925,000 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:

1 3069. (a) (1) A highly structured employment
2 preparation program shall be offered by the Department
3 of Corrections as an in-prison parallel service to enhance
4 current substance abuse treatment services. Training
5 shall be provided by employment training, placement,
6 *and* retention and reentry specialists in collaboration with
7 substance *abuse* treatment providers. The
8 comprehensive continuum of care shall continue as the
9 offender transitions back to the community. Services shall
10 be provided by agencies approved by the department; to
11 parolees and in-custody offenders who are to be paroled
12 to designated locations.

13 (2) The in-custody employment preparation training
14 shall be provided by job training and placement
15 providers for at least five hours per week for in-custody
16 offenders that are—~~90~~ 180 days from release and shall
17 include, but not be limited to, the following:

18 (A) Vocational assessment and skills identification.

19 (B) Life skills training to include goal setting, resume
20 development, and job seeking and retention skills.

21 (b) (1) Once the parolee makes the transition back to
22 the community, services shall be provided to the parolee
23 in both a residential and community employment
24 training, placement and retention service setting.
25 Services shall include integrated case management
26 serving the parolees' substance abuse treatment,
27 employment preparation, and job placement and
28 retention needs—~~shall be maintained.~~

29 (2) (A) When appropriate, a parolee shall obtain
30 extensive assistance at a community employment facility
31 that offers the following services:

32 (i) Relapse prevention and recovery services.

33 (ii) Vocational assessment and career counseling.

34 (iii) Assistance in obtaining transitional supportive
35 services, including, but not limited to, housing,
36 transportation, meals, work clothing, and tools.

37 (iv) Job development and placement services.

38 (v) Job retention services.

39 (vi) Postemployment services.

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



1 (B) The enhanced substance abuse services shall be
2 located at four community employment settings, two in
3 northern California and two in southern California.

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

12 (d) (1) The program of substance abuse treatment
13 services and parallel employment preparation training,
14 placement, and retention services shall be a
15 demonstration project that shall start on April 1, 2001, and
16 shall continue for three years.

17 (2) The program of substance abuse treatment
18 services and parallel employment services shall serve at
19 least 500 parolees the first year, 3,000 parolees the second
20 year, and 4,000 parolees in the third and final year.

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

25 SEC. 2. The sum of eleven million nine hundred
26 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$11,925,000) is hereby
27 appropriated from the General Fund to the Department
28 of Corrections Office of Substance Abuse Programs for
29 the purposes of this act, without regard to fiscal year,
30 according to the following schedule:

31 (a) Eight hundred twenty-five thousand dollars
32 (\$825,000) for the first year of the demonstration project
33 in order to serve 500 participants.

34 (b) Four million eight hundred thousand dollars
35 (\$4,800,000) for the second year of the demonstration
36 project in order to serve 3,000 participants.

37 (c) Six million three hundred thousand dollars
38 (\$6,300,000) for the third and final year of the



1 demonstration project in order to serve 4,000
2 participants.

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