

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 3064

**Introduced by Committee on Public Safety (Leno (Chair), Cohn,
Dymally, and Goldberg)**

March 9, 2006

An act to add Section 5056.5 to the Penal Code, relating to corrections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 3064, as introduced, Committee on Public Safety. Corrections: Reentry Advisory Committee.

Existing law authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to contract for the establishment and operation of community correctional reentry centers and work furlough programs.

This bill would require the secretary to establish 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. The secretary would be required to forward the minutes of committee meetings to the members of specified legislative committees.

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 is added to the Penal Code, to
2 read:

1 5056.5. (a) The Secretary of the Department of Corrections
2 and Rehabilitation shall establish a Reentry Advisory Committee.
3 The committee shall report to the secretary, who shall serve as
4 chair of the committee. The committee shall include
5 representation from all stakeholders in the successful
6 administration of reentry programming including, but not limited
7 to, all of the following:

- 8 (1) Cities.
- 9 (2) Counties.
- 10 (3) Law enforcement.
- 11 (4) Probation.
- 12 (5) Courts.
- 13 (6) Department staff involved in providing reentry services,
14 such as teachers and parole officers.
- 15 (7) Substance abuse treatment providers.
- 16 (8) Education providers.
- 17 (9) Job preparation providers.
- 18 (10) Business and employers.
- 19 (11) Victims.
- 20 (12) Ex-offenders.
- 21 (13) Restorative justice advocates.
- 22 (14) Inmate family members.
- 23 (15) Religious leaders in the community.
- 24 (16) Housing providers.
- 25 (17) Vocational training providers.
- 26 (18) Workforce Investment Act providers.
- 27 (19) Medical providers.
- 28 (20) Mental health providers.
- 29 (21) Program evaluators.

30 (b) The Reentry Advisory Committee shall meet at least
31 quarterly at a time and place determined by the secretary.
32 Committee members shall receive compensation for travel
33 expenses pursuant to existing regulations, but no other
34 compensation.

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

1 department. The committee shall consider and advise the
2 secretary on the following issues:

3 (1) Encouraging collaboration among key stakeholders at the
4 state and local levels.

5 (2) Developing a knowledge base of what people need to
6 successfully return to their communities from prison and what
7 resources communities need to successfully provide for these
8 needs.

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

11 (4) Funding of reentry programs.

12 (5) Promoting systems of integration and coordination.

13 (6) Measuring outcomes and evaluating the impact of reentry
14 programs.

15 (7) Educating the public about reentry programs and their role
16 in public safety.

17 (d) The secretary shall regularly forward minutes of all
18 Reentry Advisory Committee meetings to each member of the
19 Assembly Public Safety Committee, the Assembly Select
20 Committee on Prison Construction and Operations, the Senate
21 Committee on Public Safety, and the Senate Select Committee on
22 the California Correctional System.