

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 26, 2007

SENATE BILL

No. 818

**Introduced by ~~Senator Negrete McLeod~~ *Senators Negrete McLeod
and Romero***

February 23, 2007

An act to add Title 2.3 (commencing with Section 3550) to Part 3 of the Penal Code, relating to correctional facilities, by providing funds necessary therefor through an election for the issuance and sale of bonds of the State of California and for the handling and disposition of those funds: *relating to correctional facilities.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 818, as amended, Negrete McLeod. ~~Correctional facilities: Rehabilitation and Re-entry Facilities Bond Act of 2008.~~ *Correctional facilities.*

Existing law establishes the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and charges it with, among other duties, operation and administration of state correctional facilities.

This bill would state findings and declarations of the Legislature relative to the need for rehabilitation of inmates in state prison. The bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to fund the construction of rehabilitation programming facilities that would be operated by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Existing law, the California Constitution, prohibits the Legislature from creating a debt or liability that singly or in the aggregate with any previous debts or liabilities exceeds the sum of \$300,000, except by an act that (1) authorizes the debt for a single object or work specified in the act, (2) has been passed by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of all the members elected to each house of the Legislature, (3) has been submitted to the people at

a statewide general or primary election, and (4) has received a majority of all the votes cast for and against it at that election.

~~This bill would enact the Rehabilitation and Re-entry Facilities Bond Act of 2008 which, if adopted, would authorize, for purposes of financing a specified rehabilitation and re-entry correctional facilities program, the issuance, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, of bonds in the amount of \$2,000,000,000.~~

~~The bill would provide for submission of the bond act to the voters at the next statewide election in accordance with specified law.~~

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

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

1 *SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the*
2 *following:*

3 *(a) There is a great need to provide opportunities for inmates*
4 *of the state prison system to participate in rehabilitation programs.*

5 *(b) Rehabilitation facilities should include, but not be limited*
6 *to, substance abuse treatment space and academic and vocational*
7 *classrooms.*

8 *SEC. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation*
9 *to fund the construction of rehabilitation programming facilities*
10 *that will be operated by the Department of Corrections and*
11 *Rehabilitation.*

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**All matter omitted in this version of the bill
appears in the bill as introduced in the
Senate, February 23, 2007 (JR11)**