

2006 Session Budget Amendments Impacting Prisoner Reentry

Report to SJR 126 Joint Subcommittee
studying Prisoner Reentry

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Secretary of Public Safety

- Budget language requiring the Secretary to “*provide a status report on actions taken to improve offender transitional and reentry services, as provided in §2.2-221.1, Code of Virginia, including improvements to the preparation and provision for employment, treatment, and housing opportunities for those being released from incarceration.*”
- Report is due to Chairmen of House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees no later than November 15 of each year.

Dept. of Correctional Education

- Funding for staff to provide technical educational classes in prisons during evening hours. \$200,000 for FY07; \$400,000 FY08

Includes language requiring the Secretary and Department to provide a report “*on the status of the department’s career and technical and vocational education programs in the Dept. of Juvenile Justice and the Dept. of Corrections facilities. The report shall include a description of the programs offered, inmates participating in the programs, factors affecting the implementation of the programs, and whether the programs are linked to the prisoner reentry program.*”

- Report due to HAC and SFC by October 16, 2006.

(DCE continued)

- Funding to continue and expand Dept. of Labor grant providing vocational programs for older wards in Juvenile Correctional Centers. \$764,703 FY07; 628,825 FY08

Dept. of Corrections

- Funding to hire an additional 53 Parole/Probation Officers and hold down officer workloads. \$2.5 million FY07; \$3.0 million FY08
- Funding to expand sex offender treatment at Brunswick Correctional Center. \$875,000 FY07; \$1.4 million FY08

(DOC, continued)

- Continue funding to replace expiring grant for the substance abuse therapeutic community program. \$1.4 million each year
- Funding for 3 transitional specials (one per region) to manage high risk cases, such as sex and other violent offenders, as well as those with mental or physical disabilities. \$122,034 FY07; \$154,155 FY08

(DOC, continued)

- Language requiring the Secretary, with the Director of DOC, to *“provide a status report on the implementation and operation of the jail transition programs administered by the department. The report shall address: (1) the participating jails, date the jail joined the program, and whether the department or other organizations are contracted to administer the programs; (2) services provided to inmates participating in the program; (3) the status of inmates released from custody through the program in FY2005; (4) factors affecting utilization or expansion of the program; (5) the impact of the program on the department’s ability to address the backlog of state-responsible inmates in local and regional jails; and (6) the status and effectiveness of the Virginia Serious and Violent Offender Reentry program. In addition, such report shall include an evaluation plan for determining the efficacy of the jail transition programs.”*
- Report is due no later than October 16, 2006.

(DOC, continued)

- Funding to provide security staff to allow DCE vocational classes to operate in correctional centers in the evening.
\$113,208 FY07; \$247,008 FY08

Dept. of Criminal Justice Services

- Funding for Offender Reentry Services
Coalition programs (previously PAPIS)
\$1.2 million per year

Dept. of Juvenile Justice

- Continue and expand Dept. of Labor expiring grant for workforce development. \$770,866 FY07; \$609,623 FY08
- Maintain funding for independent living – federal grant being phased out. \$112,500 FY07; \$250,000 FY08
- Maintain funding for intensive substance abuse treatment for girls (RSAT grant expiring). \$135,000 per year

(DJJ, continued)

- Pilot reentry program, using local detention. \$450,000 each year
- Transitional Mental Health Services. \$200,000 per year
- Halfway house beds for female wards. \$250,000 per year