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LEGISLATIVE BILL 679

FINAL READING

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Committee: Judiciary

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community Corrections Act; to amend
2 section 47-624, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to
3 change reporting requirements; to harmonize provisions; and to
4 repeal the original section.

5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 47-624, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2014, is amended to read:

3 47-624 The division shall:

4 (1) Collaborate with the Office of Probation Administration, the
5 Office of Parole Administration, and the Department of Correctional
6 Services to develop and implement a plan to establish statewide operation
7 and use of a continuum of community correctional facilities and programs;

8 (2) Develop, in consultation with the probation administrator and
9 the Parole Administrator, standards for the use of community correctional
10 facilities and programs by the Nebraska Probation System and the parole
11 system;

12 (3) Collaborate with the Office of Probation Administration, the
13 Office of Parole Administration, and the Department of Correctional
14 Services on the development of additional reporting centers as set forth
15 in section 47-624.01;

16 (4) Analyze and promote the consistent use of offender risk
17 assessment tools;

18 (5) Educate the courts, the Board of Parole, criminal justice system
19 stakeholders, and the general public about the availability, use, and
20 benefits of community correctional facilities and programs;

21 (6) Enter into and administer contracts, if necessary, to carry out
22 the purposes of the Community Corrections Act;

23 (7) In order to ensure adequate funding for substance abuse
24 treatment programs, consult with the probation administrator and the
25 Parole Administrator and develop or assist with the development of
26 programs as provided in subdivision (14) of section 29-2252 and
27 subdivision (8) of section 83-1,102;

28 (8) Study substance abuse and mental health treatment services in
29 and related to the criminal justice system, recommend improvements, and
30 evaluate the implementation of improvements;

31 (9) Research and evaluate existing community correctional

1 ~~corrections~~ facilities and programs, within the limits of available
2 funding;

3 (10) Develop standardized definitions of outcome measures for
4 community correctional ~~corrections~~ facilities and programs, including,
5 but not limited to, recidivism, employment, and substance abuse;

6 (11) Report annually to the Legislature and the Governor on the
7 development and performance of community correctional ~~corrections~~
8 facilities and programs. The report submitted to the Legislature shall be
9 submitted electronically. The report shall include, but not be limited
10 to, the following:

11 (a) A description of community correctional ~~corrections~~ facilities
12 and programs currently serving offenders in Nebraska, which includes the
13 following information:

14 (i) The target population and geographic area served by each
15 facility or program, eligibility requirements, and the total number of
16 offenders utilizing the facility or program over the past year;

17 (ii) Services, programs, assessments, case management, supervision,
18 and tools provided for ~~to~~ offenders at the facility, ~~or~~ in the program,
19 or under the supervision of a governmental agency in any capacity;

20 (iii) The costs of operating the facility or program and the cost
21 per offender; and

22 (iv) The funding sources for the facility or program;

23 (b) The progress made in expanding community correctional
24 ~~corrections~~ facilities and programs statewide and an analysis of the need
25 for additional community corrections services;

26 (c) An analysis of the impact community correctional ~~corrections~~
27 facilities and programs have on the number of offenders incarcerated
28 within the Department of Correctional Services; and

29 (d) The recidivism rates and outcome data for probationers,
30 parolees, and problem-solving-court clients participating in community
31 corrections programs;

1 (12) Grant funds to entities including local governmental agencies,
2 nonprofit organizations, and behavioral health services which will
3 support the intent of the act;

4 (13) Manage all offender data acquired by the division in a
5 confidential manner and develop procedures to ensure that identifiable
6 information is not released;

7 (14) Establish and administer grants, projects, and programs for the
8 operation of the division; and

9 (15) Perform such other duties as may be necessary to carry out the
10 policy of the state established in the act.

11 Sec. 2. Original section 47-624, Revised Statutes Cumulative
12 Supplement, 2014, is repealed.