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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 213 (house committee printing) by
2 adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill
3 and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Section 508.119, Government Code, is amended
5 by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsections (j) and
6 (k) to read as follows:

7 (b) The division:
8 (1) may establish and operate, or contract for the
9 operation of, community residential facilities; and

10 (2) shall establish and operate, or contract for the
11 operation of, a community residential facility in each county that
12 contains a municipality with a population of 115,000 or more.

13 (c) The division may contract with a vendor that is a public
14 or private entity, a community-based organization, or a nonprofit
15 organization [~~vendor~~] for the financing, construction, operation,
16 or management of a community residential facility using a
17 lease-purchase or installment sale contract to provide or
18 supplement housing, board, or supervision for releasees placed in a
19 community residential facility. A releasee housed or supervised in
20 a facility operated by a vendor under a contract is subject to the
21 same laws as if the housing or supervision were provided directly by
22 the division.

23 (j) The division shall set performance measures for a
24 facility operated by a vendor under this section. At a minimum, the
25 performance measures shall include:

- 26 (1) a recommended percentage increase in:
27 (A) offender employment rates;
28 (B) education class participation and successful
29 completion of high school diplomas or the equivalent;

1 (C) substance abuse counseling; and
2 (D) participation in mental health services and
3 medication compliance; and

4 (2) a recommended percentage reduction in:

5 (A) substance abuse and alcohol use; and

6 (B) recidivism rates, resulting from the
7 vendor's programs efforts.

8 (k) A vendor that contracts with the division for the
9 operation of a facility under this section shall report to the
10 division on a semiannual basis regarding whether the facility
11 operated by the vendor met the performance measures described by
12 Subsection (j) for the reporting period, including the specific
13 percentage increase or decrease for each performance measure
14 described by that subsection.

15 SECTION _____. Section 508.157(e), Government Code, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (e) The executive director of the Texas Department of
18 Criminal Justice shall:

19 (1) adopt rules as necessary to implement this
20 section, including rules necessary to ensure:

21 (A) an ongoing review and adjustment of
22 expenditures under this section and the allocation of additional
23 funding as needed to effectively and efficiently administer this
24 section;

25 (B) the screening for eligibility for a payment
26 for housing under this section of inmates and releasees at least
27 once a week and in accordance with the division's parole policies;

28 (C) the reporting of statistics related to
29 availability of post-release housing, including the number of days
30 an inmate or releasee is kept past the inmate's release date, and
31 the implementation of corrective measures needed to address

1 abnormal trends;

2 (D) the regular monitoring of outreach efforts to
3 ensure that a sufficient number of providers of post-release
4 housing are approved and available for referrals;

5 (E) the screening of a provider of post-release
6 housing, including a review of the provider's credentials before
7 the approval of the provider, in order to determine the provider's
8 effectiveness in assisting inmates and releasees with
9 reintegration; and

10 (F) that a provider of post-release housing
11 provides for 24-hour supervision and monitoring of releasees; and

12 (2) periodically review the division's policies
13 regarding bed shortages, use of program providers, and flexibility
14 in selection of housing facilities in counties that are in close
15 proximity to the legal county of residence of an inmate or releasee.

16 SECTION _____. Chapter 508, Government Code, is amended by
17 adding Subchapter D-1 to read as follows:

18 SUBCHAPTER D-1. FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVE REENTRY AND
19 REINTEGRATION PILOT PROGRAM

20 Sec. 508.131. FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVE REENTRY
21 AND REINTEGRATION PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The division shall develop
22 and implement a reentry and reintegration pilot program in each
23 county that contains a municipality with a population of 115,000 or
24 more, regardless of whether the county contains a community
25 residential facility described by Section 508.119. A pilot program
26 under this subchapter must evaluate one or more reentry strategies
27 for offenders being released from prison that focus on
28 reintegrating offenders, reducing recidivism, and containing costs
29 and that are designed to be implemented by:

30 (1) a faith-based or community-based facility;

31 (2) a joint venture between a faith-based or

1 community-based facility and a private community correctional
2 facility; or

3 (3) an alternative nonprofit community-based model
4 that has demonstrated effectiveness in assisting offenders in
5 successful reentry and reintegration.

6 (b) In developing and implementing a pilot program under
7 this subchapter, the division shall:

8 (1) establish a process for statewide stakeholder
9 input to be received and evaluated; and

10 (2) solicit reentry strategy proposals from entities
11 described by Subsection (a).

12 (c) The division shall designate reentry strategies to be
13 implemented through a pilot program. A reentry strategy must be:

14 (1) designed to provide:

15 (A) temporary housing and related support
16 services, including job placement assistance, drug and alcohol
17 treatment or referral, food, and transportation;

18 (B) 24-hour supervision and monitoring; and

19 (C) skill development and other offender
20 training; and

21 (2) designed to promote:

22 (A) person-centered planning and self-direction;

23 (B) efficiency and the best use of funding; and

24 (C) community education and awareness in order to
25 increase the likelihood of successful reentry and reintegration.

26 (d) The division shall select as a pilot program service
27 provider an entity described by Subsection (a) that the division
28 determines is able to implement an approved reentry strategy and
29 provide appropriate services and support to offenders
30 participating in the program.

31 (e) In addition to other requirements prescribed by this

1 subchapter, a pilot program service provider shall:

2 (1) provide services and support to offenders released
3 on parole; and

4 (2) coordinate community-based services available to
5 those offenders.

6 (f) Not later than September 1, 2014, the division shall
7 implement all pilot programs established under this subchapter. A
8 pilot program shall operate for a period of not less than 24 months,
9 except that a pilot program may not continue to operate after August
10 31, 2016.

11 Sec. 508.132. PILOT PROGRAM GOALS. The division shall
12 identify measurable goals to be achieved by each pilot program
13 implemented under this subchapter and shall propose specific
14 strategies for achieving each goal. At a minimum, the goals shall
15 include:

16 (1) a recommended percentage increase in:

17 (A) offender employment rates;

18 (B) education class participation and successful
19 completion of high school diplomas or the equivalent;

20 (C) substance abuse counseling; and

21 (D) participation in mental health services and
22 medication compliance;

23 (2) a recommended percentage reduction in substance
24 abuse and alcohol use;

25 (3) a recommended rate of reduction in recidivism; and

26 (4) to the extent feasible, the implementation of best
27 practices used by other states.

28 Sec. 508.133. PILOT PROGRAM INFORMATION. (a) The division
29 shall, to the extent that the information is available, collect and
30 compute the following information with respect to each pilot
31 program established under this subchapter:

1 (1) the difference between the average monthly cost
2 per offender for all services received by the offender while
3 participating in the pilot program and the average cost per
4 offender for all services received by the offender before
5 participating in the program;

6 (2) the percentage of offenders receiving services
7 through the pilot program who began receiving services in a
8 nonresidential setting instead of in a facility licensed under
9 Chapter 252, Health and Safety Code, or any other residential
10 setting;

11 (3) the difference between the percentage of offenders
12 receiving services through the pilot program who live in
13 non-provider-owned housing during the operation of the program and
14 the percentage of offenders receiving services through the pilot
15 program who lived in non-provider-owned housing before
16 participating in the program;

17 (4) the difference between the average total division
18 cost for offenders in various residential settings receiving
19 services through the pilot program during the operation of the
20 program and the average total division cost for those offenders
21 before participating in the program;

22 (5) the difference between the percentage of offenders
23 receiving services through the pilot program who obtain and
24 maintain employment during the operation of the program and the
25 percentage of offenders receiving services through the pilot
26 program who obtained and maintained employment before
27 participating in the program;

28 (6) the difference between the percentage of offenders
29 receiving services through the pilot program whose behavioral
30 outcomes have improved since participating in the program and the
31 percentage of offenders receiving services through the pilot

1 program whose behavioral outcomes improved before participating in
2 the program, as measured over a comparable period; and

3 (7) the difference between the percentage of offenders
4 receiving services through the pilot program whose chemical
5 dependency outcomes have improved since participating in the
6 program and the percentage of offenders receiving services through
7 the pilot program whose chemical dependency outcomes improved
8 before participating in the program, as measured over a comparable
9 period.

10 (b) A pilot program service provider shall collect any
11 information described by Subsection (a) that is available to the
12 provider and provide the information to the division not later than
13 the 30th day before the date the program's operation concludes.

14 Sec. 508.134. TRANSITION BETWEEN PROGRAMS. The division
15 shall ensure that there is a comprehensive plan for transitioning
16 services from a pilot program to another program operated by the
17 division on conclusion of the pilot program.

18 Sec. 508.135. EXPIRATION. This subchapter expires August
19 31, 2017.

