



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 499

October 15, 2009 – Introduced by JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. Referred to Committee on Corrections and the Courts.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 301.068 (1) and 301.068 (6); and *to create* 20.410 (1) (de) and
2 20.410 (1) (dm) of the statutes; **relating to:** community supervision services in
3 the Department of Corrections.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the Notes provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Justice Reinvestment Initiative Oversight.

This bill creates the following biennial general purpose revenue (GPR) appropriations for the Department of Corrections (DOC) to provide the following:

1. Eight million dollars for mental health services for severely mentally ill persons who are on parole or extended supervision and are at high risk of reoffending.

2. Twelve million dollars for a transitional employment program for persons who are on parole or extended supervision, are unemployed, and are at high risk of reoffending.

Under 2009 Wisconsin Act 28, DOC is required, through community services, to reduce recidivism and to report annually to the governor, the legislature, and the courts

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on progress toward reducing recidivism. This bill requires DOC to reduce recidivism by 25 percent between fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2010-11 and to include in its annual reports submitted to the governor, the legislature, and the courts DOC’s progress toward that goal.

1 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
2 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

	2009-10	2010-11
20.410 Corrections, department of		
(1) ADULT CORRECTIONAL SERVICES		
(de) Community-based mental health services	GPR A 4,000,000	4,000,000
(dm) Transitional employment program	GPR A 6,000,000	6,000,000

10 **SECTION 2.** 20.410 (1) (de) of the statutes is created to read:
11 20.410 (1) (de) *Community-based mental health services.* The amounts in the
12 schedule to provide mental health services for severely mentally ill persons who are
13 soon to be or are currently on parole or extended supervision and who are at high risk
14 of reoffending.

15 **SECTION 3.** 20.410 (1) (dm) of the statutes is created to read:
16 20.410 (1) (dm) *Transitional employment program.* The amounts in the
17 schedule to provide a transitional employment program for persons without
18 employment who are soon to be or are currently on parole or extended supervision
19 and who are at high risk of reoffending.

20 **SECTION 4.** 301.068 (1) of the statutes, as created by 2009 Wisconsin Act 28, is
21 amended to read:

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1 301.068 (1) The department shall establish community services that have the
2 goals of increasing public safety, reducing the risk that offenders on community
3 supervision will reoffend, and reducing by 25 percent between the fiscal years
4 2007-08 and 2010-11 the recidivism rate of persons who are on probation, parole,
5 or extended supervision following a felony conviction. In establishing community
6 services under this section, the department shall consider the capacity of existing
7 services and any needs that are not met by existing services.

8 **SECTION 5.** 301.068 (6) of the statutes, as created by 2009 Wisconsin Act 28, is
9 amended to read:

10 301.068 (6) The department shall annually submit a report to the governor, the
11 chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the appropriate
12 standing committees under s. 13.172 (3), and the director of state courts. The report
13 shall set forth the scope of the community services established under sub. (1); the
14 numbers of arrests of, convictions of, and prison sentences imposed on offenders
15 receiving the community services under this section; and the progress toward the 25
16 percent recidivism reduction goal under sub. (1) and any adjustment that will be
17 made to reach that goal.

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(END)