

Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 23-1540/1		Introduction Number SB-0172	
Description establishing and operating community reentry centers and making an appropriation			
Fiscal Effect			
State:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs		3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
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5. Types of Local Government Units Affected			
<input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities			
<input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others			
<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts			
Fund Sources Affected		Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS			
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to contract with at least one external entity to create at least one community reentry center that offers individuals who are being released from a state correctional institution an initial point of contact for health, identification, financial, housing, employment, education, and supervision services. DOC staff would be required to be present on-site to provide case management to individuals served at the center. To contract with DOC for the purposes of a re-entry center, the entity must develop memoranda of understandings and operate in a location easily accessible by public transportation and the intended population to be served. The DOC-contracted entity would be able to contract with other local organizations, such as criminal justice coordinating councils, technical colleges, and workforce investment boards to provide additional services at the reentry center.

While this bill creates an appropriation, there are no allocated funds to establish community re-entry centers. Lastly, DOC would be required to create a report examining the outcomes of services provided at each center by 2027 and every two years thereafter. All contracted entities operating a center must track and compile data regarding the number and types of services provided, as well as reported outcomes.

The bill would go into effect the day after publication, or on the second day after publication of the 2023 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

Currently the Division of Community Corrections (DCC) operates Day Report Centers (DRC) throughout the state defined as “non-residential, multi-disciplinary holistic approach to treatment, education, and employment services in a single location. The primary therapeutic goal of the DRC is to assist clients in achieving a responsible, crime-free lifestyle by addressing their criminogenic needs.” DRCs serve as a location for contracted treatment services in their respective regions and in some cases provide onsite Probation and Parole Agents for the purposes of client supervision.

In FY22, DCC spent \$490,100 on treatment-based programming offered at two Milwaukee DRCs. The Milwaukee DRC locations are not DOC managed or leased and do not operate with DOC staff on-site. In Dane County, the DRC is located in a unit office with an FY22 rent of \$203,200 and expended roughly \$197,800 on treatment-based programming. Additionally, the Dane County DRC has 2.00 FTE Probation and Parole agents specifically dedicated to DRC operations and logistics. It would cost roughly \$90,000, including salary and fringe, to hire 1.00 FTE Probation and Parole agent to be located at a community reentry center. These costs do not include additional treatment and community resources offered and paid by DOC outside of the DRC-specific location.

While it is possible the resources offered at a reentry center would be less expensive than treatment-based programming offered at DCC DRCs, it is unknown how many contracted entities would be needed to offer all required services under the bill and the cost associated with each. Additionally, it is unknown how many DOC staff would be needed per community reentry center and who would be the responsible party for facility leasing and operations. These unknown variables impact the potential cost of DOC contracts for reentry centers.

In sum, this bill will increase DOC expenditures that cannot be absorbed into the current budget to create and support community reentry centers as created by this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications