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coordinated reentry; grants; appropriation

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SENATE BILL 1312

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 11-392, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; APPROPRIATING MONIES;
RELATING TO COORDINATED REENTRY PLANNING SERVICES PROGRAMS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 11-392, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 11-392. Coordinated reentry planning services programs;
5 cross-system recidivism tracking database; planning
6 committee; annual report

7 A. A county may establish a coordinated reentry planning services
8 program within a county jail for the purpose of screening and assessing
9 persons who are booked into a county jail and connecting those persons
10 with behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment providers at
11 the earliest possible stage in the criminal justice process.

12 B. Subject to available monies, a coordinated reentry planning
13 services program must:

14 1. Allow entities to access and use a cross-system recidivism
15 tracking database that incorporates data obtained from prearrest diversion
16 programs, reentry screenings that occur during the booking process,
17 reentry planning that occurs before and during release and postrelease
18 treatment engagement.

19 2. Allow entities to work in conjunction with counties, cities,
20 towns and other political subdivisions of this state and with superior
21 courts to establish an information exchange mechanism that includes
22 reentry planning efforts.

23 3. Allow county and community-wide collaborative efforts to be
24 established and maintained for jail reentry planning services that include
25 treatment, peer support, housing, transportation and employment services
26 and all branches of the criminal justice and court systems by developing a
27 new coalition or extending an existing coalition.

28 4. Establish working agreements with coalition partners in which
29 treatment providers use the cross-system recidivism tracking database to
30 record postrelease treatment engagement.

31 5. Use the cross-system recidivism tracking database to record
32 baseline and ongoing statistics for identified needs, referrals and future
33 recidivism of reentry coordination participants.

34 C. A county that establishes a coordinated reentry planning
35 services program shall establish a planning committee to develop the
36 program's policies and procedures, including eligibility criteria, ~~AND~~ AND
37 program implementation and operation. At a minimum the planning committee
38 shall consist of the following persons:

39 1. Representatives of the law enforcement agencies participating in
40 the program.

41 2. A representative of the program services provider.

42 3. A public defender or the public defender's designee.

43 4. A prosecuting attorney or the prosecuting attorney's designee.

44 5. A presiding superior court judge or the superior court judge's
45 designee.

6. A clerk of the court or the clerk's designee.

7. Other stakeholders.

D. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2027 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, A COUNTY THAT RECEIVES MONIES TO ESTABLISH OR MAINTAIN A COORDINATED REENTRY PLANNING SERVICES PROGRAM SHALL REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. FOR ALL PERSONS WHO COMPLETE SCREENING:

(a) THE PERCENTAGE WITH LOW, MODERATE AND HIGH MENTAL HEALTH RISKS.

(b) THE PERCENTAGE WITH LOW, MODERATE AND HIGH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER RISKS.

(c) THE PERCENTAGE WITH OTHER PRESENTING RISK FACTORS, INCLUDING:

(i) NO PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER.

(ii) UNEMPLOYED.

(iii) UNINSURED.

(iv) LACK OF ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION.

(v) PHYSICAL HEALTH CONCERNS.

(vi) HOMELESSNESS.

(vii) VETERAN STATUS.

2. INCIDENCE OF RECIDIVISM, INCLUDING:

(a) OVERALL POPULATION RECIDIVISM RATES.

(b) RECIDIVISM RATES BY MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE RISK FACTORS.

(c) RECIDIVISM RATES, INCLUDING OTHER RISK FACTORS.

3. THE PERCENTAGE OF RELEASED INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CONNECTED AND DIVERTED TO SERVICES, INCLUDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HOUSING SERVICES.

Sec. 2. Appropriation; coordinated reentry planning services program; grants

A. The sum of \$20,000,000 is appropriated from the consumer restitution subaccount of the consumer restitution and remediation revolving fund established by section 44-1531.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the attorney general to distribute grants to counties pursuant to title 41, chapter 24, Arizona Revised Statutes, to establish or continue a coordinated reentry planning services program pursuant to section 11-392, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act.

B. Grants received pursuant to subsection A of this section shall be awarded on a two-year cycle.

C. The attorney general shall allocate not more than \$3,000,000 to an individual grant recipient over the two-year grant cycle.

D. The attorney general shall make up to \$2,000,000 over the two-year grant cycle available for a statewide database to accommodate additional counties participating in the coordinated reentry planning services program.

E. Maricopa and Pima counties are not eligible to receive grants.

- 1 F. By the end of the two-year grant cycle, grantees must be able to
- 2 demonstrate all of the following:
- 3 1. Establishment of a formal coalition with a workgroup dedicated
- 4 to establishing the coordinated reentry planning services program's
- 5 policies and procedures.
- 6 2. Dedicated program staff located within the jail.
- 7 3. Installation of statewide cross-system recidivism tracking
- 8 database.
- 9 4. Establishment of data sharing agreements.
- 10 5. Incorporation of screening and assessment tools.
- 11 6. Commitment to local contribution to the program.