

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	8 - 2 - 0
Yeas:	Cameron, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Shields, Smith J., Whisnant, Barker
Nays:	Barton, Stiegler
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Department of Corrections to establish on-the-job training programs for offenders released from corrections facilities. Allows the department to enter into agreements with public or private employers to provide training. Sunsets January 2012. Declares an emergency.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Efforts to prevent recidivism
- Affect of program on laid off workers
- Program limited to offenders leaving a correction facility
- Safeguards against employer abuse of program's financial incentives
- Need for transition programs in time of recession

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Pilot program intended to integrate ex-offenders into the community by providing for training and employment upon release. In Marion County alone, of the 4300 people being supervised by parole and probation, approximately 60 percent are unemployed.