

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 385

Ordered by the Senate April 20
Including Senate Amendments dated April 20

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY (at the request of Ross Shepard)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Creates pilot grant program for [county] resource centers for post-prison treatment services.

Directs Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to contract with qualified independent person or organization for purpose of evaluating pilot program. Requires commission to submit final report to Legislative Assembly on or before January 1, 2011.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2009.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to treatment services; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1)(a) As used in this section, "resource center" means a public or private**
5 **entity that provides services for persons released from a correctional facility in this state**
6 **who are on parole or post-prison supervision.**

7 **(b) The purpose of a resource center is to support a person's successful reentry into the**
8 **community after incarceration and thereby reduce recidivism.**

9 **(2) The Department of Corrections shall develop and administer a pilot grant program**
10 **and provide funding for one resource center in each of the following locations:**

11 **(a) Multnomah County.**

12 **(b) Marion County.**

13 **(c) Lane County.**

14 **(d) Jackson County.**

15 **(e) Eastern Oregon.**

16 **(3)(a) A public or private entity may apply to the department to be a resource center.**

17 **(b) To qualify as a resource center, a public or private entity must demonstrate a current**
18 **or future ability to provide, at an easily accessible location or by streamlined referral, as-**
19 **sistance to persons on parole or post-prison supervision with any of the following needs:**

20 **(A) Alcohol and drug assessment and treatment;**

21 **(B) Assessment and planning;**

22 **(C) Food and clothing;**

23 **(D) Housing;**

24 **(E) Employment;**

25 **(F) State identification;**

26 **(G) Transportation;**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1 **(H) Benefits application;**
- 2 **(I) Parole and probation officer contacts;**
- 3 **(J) Family and community support;**
- 4 **(K) Medical, dental and mental health evaluation and referral;**
- 5 **(L) Cognitive behavioral therapy;**
- 6 **(M) Financial and computer literacy;**
- 7 **(N) Referral for faith-based mentoring;**
- 8 **(O) Legal consultation; or**
- 9 **(P) Education and training programs.**
- 10 **(4) The department shall:**
- 11 **(a) Develop a case management protocol to be followed by the staff of the resource cen-**
- 12 **ters;**
- 13 **(b) Adopt a model contract for purposes of contracting with resource centers; and**
- 14 **(c) Adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.**
- 15 **(5) At least 90 days prior to a person's release from a correctional facility in this state**
- 16 **on parole or post-prison supervision into one of the locations listed in subsection (2) of this**
- 17 **section, the department shall:**
- 18 **(a) Forward to the appropriate resource center a checklist of the person's needs, as de-**
- 19 **termined by the department after consultation with the person; and**
- 20 **(b) Facilitate contact by telephone and mail between the person and the resource center.**
- 21 **(6) A resource center is a criminal justice agency for the purpose of access to criminal**
- 22 **offender information pursuant to ORS 181.555.**
- 23 **(7) The department shall encourage collaboration between the resource center, parole**
- 24 **and probation officers, sheriffs, state and local law enforcement, district attorneys, public**
- 25 **defenders, the supervisory authority of each county, community-based organizations, com-**
- 26 **munity colleges and the circuit courts.**
- 27 **(8) The department or a resource center may not take any action that impedes or dis-**
- 28 **qualifies an active partnership between a resource center and the district courts of the**
- 29 **United States or the Federal Bureau of Prisons.**
- 30 **(9) The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall contract with a qualified independent**
- 31 **person or organization to conduct a scientifically valid evaluation of the pilot grant programs**
- 32 **described in subsection (2) of this section. All state agencies and persons participating in the**
- 33 **programs shall cooperate fully in conducting the evaluation. The evaluation shall determine**
- 34 **whether each pilot grant program has reduced recidivism. The evaluation shall start when**
- 35 **the pilot grant programs begin operations, and regular progress reports shall be provided to**
- 36 **the commission every six months. A final report shall be provided by the commission to the**
- 37 **Legislative Assembly not later than January 1, 2011.**

38 **SECTION 2. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**

39 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**

40 **on July 1, 2009.**

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