

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Close, Dingfelder, Kruse, Roblan, Prozanski
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 5/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies that an offender transferred from a Department of Corrections (DOC) facility to a local jail is eligible for any form of temporary or transitional leave if the offender was eligible for this kind of leave while under DOC supervision. Allows DOC to use funds raised from prison canteens, vending machines, inmate telephones, funds confiscated from inmates and donated moneys for offender reentry programs. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Evidence-based re-entry programs reduce recidivism rates
- Marion County's success with reducing recidivism
- Importance of front loading services

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The DOC may enter into a contract with a local jail for the purpose of housing an inmate in the jail. Research shows that transitioning inmates back into the community reduces the chances the offender will re-offend. Moving inmates from far away prisons to jails in their community helps in the transitioning process.

The DOC must use funds raised from prison canteens, vending machines, inmate telephones, funds confiscated from inmates and donated moneys to enhance inmate activities and programs including educational programs.