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Criminal Justice Commission Justice Reinvestment Program Report

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Committee on Ways and Means acknowledge the receipt of a report from the Criminal Justice Commission on the Justice Reinvestment Program, with the understanding that the Commission return to the Emergency Board if any funding becomes available through the technical assistance program.

In the 2013 session, the Joint Committee on Ways and Means provided the CJC with \$10 million General Fund for the Justice Reinvestment Grant program and a budget note directed the CJC to report on the results of the grant distribution. The CJC has distributed the entire \$10 million to counties based on the community corrections grants baseline funding distribution formula with a minimum of \$50,000 to each county.

CJC also reported on the Public Safety Task Force and Grant Review Committee outlined in House Bill 3194 (2013). The CJC has applied for and will receive technical assistance from the Vera Institute of Justice through a U.S. Department of Justice program. As part of this technical assistance, there is the possibility of seed funding to assist with justice reinvestment implementation, however funding is not guaranteed.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval of the request.