

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Judiciary

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:**

**Action:**

**Vote:**

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

**Prepared By:** Jeff Rhoades, Counsel

**Meeting Dates:** 2/4; 2/12

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes Department of Corrections to apply for grants or other financial support for reentry services. Establishes Department of Corrections subaccount for funding received. Continuously appropriates funding in subaccount for reentry support and services. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Department of Corrections currently lacks the authority to apply for federal grant funding earmarked for reentry support and services. County corrections agencies do have the authority to use grant-in-aid funds for reentry purposes.

Senate Bill 232 would allow the Department of Corrections to secure supplemental funding through federal grant application. The grant of authority is narrowly tailored, allowing for application only in the context of reentry support and services for offenders released on supervision. Examples of reentry services include jobs programs, housing assistance and drug and alcohol treatment.