Senate Bill 232

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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 as introduced.

Authorizes Department of Corrections to accept moneys for reentry support and services. Establishes subaccount in Department of Corrections Account for moneys accepted. Continuously appropriates moneys in subaccount to department for reentry support and services to offenders released on supervision.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Α	BILL	FOR	AN	ACT

Relating to reentry services for offenders sentenced to the custody of the Department of Corrections; and declaring an emergency.

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

- <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Department of Corrections may apply for and accept federal grants or moneys, as well as grants or other financial assistance from any other source, for the purpose of providing reentry support and services to offenders released on supervision.
- (2) There is established in the Department of Corrections Account established under ORS 423.097 a subaccount consisting of all moneys accepted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, which shall be deposited into the subaccount. All moneys in the subaccount are continuously appropriated to the department for the purpose of providing reentry support and services to offenders released on supervision and, if applicable, for specified purposes for which the grants, moneys or other financial assistance was provided to the department.
- (3) The department may make grants to counties from moneys accepted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section for the purpose of providing counties with supplemental funding for reentry support and services for offenders released on supervision.
 - (4) As used in this section:
- (a) "Offender" means a person sentenced to the legal and physical custody of the Department of Corrections; and
- (b) "Reentry support and services" includes, but is not limited to, aid for housing and employment, vocational assistance, transportation services, treatment and access to physical or mental health care services, medications, mentoring and specialized supervision strategies.
- <u>SECTION 2.</u> This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.

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