

HB 3064 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 3/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands Justice Reinvestment Grant Review Committee from five to seven members to include two members that represent organizations that provide services for undeserved racial, ethnic, or minority communities. Requires grant applicants to provide a statement of commitment to decreasing county use of prison beds through operation of the service or program the grant will serve. Requires application to include demographic data of the community served by the grant and a statement describing how the program addresses racial and ethnic disparities in that community. Directs the commission to specifically assess the extent to which each county is reducing utilization of prison beds. If the commission finds that a county has not reduced use of imprisonment the commission is directed to decline to grant the full grant amount requested, withhold approved funds, or terminate the grant award. States that money remaining from terminated grants may be redistributed through a supplemental grant program for projects servicing undeserved communities. Requires the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) to create an advisory committee, as specified, for the Task Force on Public Safety and report to the committee how funds are distributed under the program. The advisory committee is directed to provide the Task Force on Public Safety with recommendations on how the CJC can increase equity in the allocation of funds. Requires the commission to provide a report to the Governor and the appropriate Joint Committee on Ways and Means no later than February 1, 2021.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Makes technical changes. Requires advisory committee to report to the Criminal Justice Commission not the Public Safety Task Force. Requires the commission to provide a report to the Governor and the appropriate Joint Committee on Ways and Means on September 15th, 2020.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 3064 directs the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) to determine if counties currently receiving project funding are demonstrating progress toward the goal of reducing prison usage as laid out by the Justice Reinvestment Act passed in 2013. For counties that are not meeting their goals, the CJC will either put the county on an improvement plan with specific goals or discontinue funds.