

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2023 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Criminal Justice

HB 1207 — Operation New Hope

by Rep. Shoaf and others (SB 1198 by Senators Simon and Davis)

The bill authorizes the Department of Corrections, in accordance with s. 944.706, F.S., to contract with Operation New Hope, a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation pursuant to s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to provide inmate reentry services, including, but not limited to, counseling, providing information on housing and job placement, money management assistance, and programs that address substance abuse, mental health, and co-occurring conditions.

A contract with Operation New Hope must be authorized by and consistent with funding appropriated in the General Appropriations Act.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 115-0