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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Criminal Justice (Evers) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 31 - 93  
and insert:

Section 1. Community reentry program.-

(1) (a) The Department of Corrections shall develop an operational plan to implement a community reentry program for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

(b) At a minimum, the operational plan for the program must describe and document:

1. The resources needed for the program, including, but not limited to, specific buildings, grounds, and property that must



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13 be obtained or redesignated for residential community reentry  
14 facilities and reentry services.

15 2. The placement of facilities and services in specific  
16 areas to maximize the opportunity for participating inmates to  
17 benefit from being located near where they plan to live after  
18 completion of their sentences.

19 3. The additional staff or changes to staff qualifications  
20 necessary to operate the program.

21 4. The contracts the program intends to use for private  
22 providers who desire to provide a portion of the reentry  
23 services and programming to eligible inmates.

24 5. The security staffing plan.

25 6. The programming plan.

26 7. The proposed budget.

27 8. The process and method for selecting an inmate to  
28 participate in the program, including any initial screening  
29 process, the criteria used in the risk assessment, and any  
30 prioritization of placement.

31 9. The changes in law that are necessary to implement the  
32 program.

33 (2) (a) The program shall be designed to provide residential  
34 care, custody, control, and reentry services to eligible  
35 inmates.

36 (b) For the purpose of the program, the reentry services  
37 include, but are not limited to, substance abuse treatment,  
38 housing assistance, money management training, employment  
39 assistance, vocational education, and life skills training.

40 (3) All inmates who are within 36 months of their release  
41 date shall be considered for participation in the program. The



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42 selection shall be based upon a risk assessment process that  
43 includes, but is not limited to, whether:

44 (a) The inmate has potential for rehabilitation and the  
45 need for reentry services.

46 (b) The reduction of risk of harm to the community after  
47 completion of the inmate's sentence which would result from his  
48 or her participation in the program is outweighed by any risk of  
49 harm to the community which would be posed by the inmate while  
50 participating in the program.

51 (c) The inmate can be placed in the geographic area where  
52 he or she is from, or has family or identified friends, and  
53 intends to reside in the area upon release from custody.

54 (4) An inmate who is selected for participation must be  
55 transferred into the program not later than 24 months before his  
56 or her current release date. An inmate who is already within 24  
57 months of his or her current release date when selected must be  
58 placed into the program as soon as a position is available.

59 (5) The program may include an existing community work  
60 release program established pursuant to s. 945.091, Florida  
61 Statutes, as a service provider, but the existing program must  
62 provide enhanced reentry services to participating inmates.

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64 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

65 And the title is amended as follows:

66 Delete lines 2 - 18

67 and insert:

68 An act relating to community reentry programs;  
69 requiring the Department of Corrections to develop an  
70 operational plan to implement a community reentry



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71 program; requiring that the operational plan describe  
72 the necessary facilities, staff, budget, and methods  
73 for selecting inmates to participate in the reentry  
74 program; providing examples of reentry services;  
75 requiring that all inmates who are within 36 months of  
76 their release date be considered for participation in  
77 the community reentry program; providing criteria to  
78 assess the risk of placing an inmate in the reentry  
79 program; requiring that an inmate who is selected for  
80 participation in the reentry program be transferred  
81 into the program no later than 24 months before his or  
82 her release date; amending s. 945.091, F.S.; deleting  
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