



**GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL**

SB2500

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Amendment</u>
<b>ACJ</b>	<b>12</b>

Senator(s) **Montford** moved the following amendment:

<p><b>Section:</b> 04</p> <p><b>On Page:</b> 119</p> <p><b>Spec App:</b> 766</p>	<p><b><u>EXPLANATION:</u></b></p> <p>Provides \$50,000 in recurring general revenue funds in the Department of Corrections for the Gadsden County Jail Faith Behind Bars re-entry program.</p>
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<u>NET IMPACT ON:</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>General Revenue</u>	<u>Trust Funds</u>
Recurring -	0	0	0
Non-Recurring -	0	0	0

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CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF  
Program: Education And Programs  
Adult Offender Transition, Rehabilitation  
And Support 70450300

766 In Section 04 On Page 119  
Special Categories 100777  
Contracted Services IOEA

**DELETE** the fifth paragraph of proviso following Specific Appropriation 766:

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 766, \$200,000 in recurring general revenue funds is provided for the Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program. Funds used for startup activities for the Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program may not exceed 25 percent of the total funds appropriated. Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program will provide pre-release risk assessment, a plan-of-care, career development and life skills training, and referrals for incarcerated inmates who may be eligible for Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program services upon release. Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program will also provide post-release services including case management, career development and life skills training, life-coaching (mentoring), family reunification, and job placement assistance to offenders on community supervision. Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program may also provide such post-release services to formerly incarcerated persons (ex-inmates) who have been released from a Department of Corrections' facility no more than one year before entry

into the Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program. Eligibility for participation in the Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program is limited to inmates, offenders on community supervision, and recently released ex-inmates who are transitioning back into the communities and workforce of Leon County and surrounding counties. The department may request a budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, to transfer funding between Specific Appropriations 616, 628, 641, 726 and 766 in order to serve incarcerated inmates as well as persons under community corrections supervision.

AND INSERT:

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 766, \$150,000 in recurring general revenue funds is provided for the Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program. Funds used for startup activities for the Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program may not exceed 25 percent of the total funds appropriated. Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program will provide pre-release risk assessment, a plan-of-care, career development and life skills training, and referrals for incarcerated inmates who may be eligible for Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program services upon release. Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program will also provide post-release services including case management, career development and life skills training, life-coaching (mentoring), family reunification, and job placement assistance to offenders on community supervision. Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program may also provide such post-release services to formerly incarcerated persons (ex-inmates) who have been released from a Department of Corrections' facility no more than one year before entry into the Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program. Eligibility for participation in the Bethel Empowerment Foundation Reentry Program is limited to inmates, offenders on community supervision, and recently released ex-inmates who are transitioning back into the communities and workforce of Leon County and surrounding counties. The department may request a budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, to transfer funding between Specific Appropriations 616, 628, 641, 726 and 766 in order to serve incarcerated inmates as well as persons under community corrections supervision.

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At the end of existing proviso language, following Specific Appropriation 766, INSERT:

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 766, \$50,000 in recurring general revenue funds is provided for the Gadsden County Jail Faith Behind Bars re-entry program. The Gadsden County Jail Faith Behind Bars re-entry program offers pre-release activities such as substance abuse counseling, anger management, employment skills, drug and alcohol awareness education, family counseling, job search training, GED

preparation, and horticultural training. The re-entry program partners with the Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce to connect inmates with employment opportunities following release.

Line item amendments are accepted as part of the amendatory process. However, due to the necessity of using computerized systems this may entail a different placement within a budget entity or the renumbering of the specific appropriation items.