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Senate Bill 16-099

Sponsors

Senator Jahn
Representative Primavera

Short Title

Correctional Education Program
Sales Of Goods

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which was signed by the Governor and became effective on April 14, 2016.

Summary

This bill, recommended by the Legislative Audit Committee, authorizes the Correctional Education Program in the Department of Corrections to sell goods and services to inmates, invited guests, employees of the department, governmental agencies, or non-profit organizations, provided certain conditions are met. In addition, prices and goods must be comparable to those in the private sector or the Colorado Community College system. The department is also required to have procedures for hearing, remedying, and reporting complaints by privately owned businesses concerning unfair competition with the Correctional Education Program.

Background

The Department of Corrections sells goods and services as part of its vocational education program, for which the FY 2015-16 Long Bill includes an appropriation of \$735,467 cash funds and \$411,015 reappropriated funds. Senate Bill 16-099 codifies current practice in response to a January 2015 audit of Colorado Correctional Industries. Revenue received by the program is currently credited to the Long Bill Education Grants Fund, and will be credited to the Correctional Education Program Fund following passage of Senate Bill 16-099. The department has procedures to hear, remedy, and report complaints from private business owners. According to the department, there have been approximately two complaints in the past eight years.

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Senate Action

Senate State Affairs Committee (February 23, 2016). At the hearing, a representative from the Colorado Department of Corrections testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill to the Senate Committee of the Whole with a recommendation that it be placed upon the consent calendar.

Senate second reading (February 26, 2016). The Senate passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

Senate third reading (February 29, 2016). The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

House Action

House Judiciary Committee (March 17, 2016). At the hearing, a representative from the Colorado Department of Corrections testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill to the House Committee of the Whole.

House second reading (March 24, 2016). The House passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

Senate third reading (March 28, 2016). The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.