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SENATE BILL 23-157

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE OFFENDER REENTRY GRANT  
102 PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING  
103 THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY  
104 AGENCIES' 2022 SUNSET REPORT.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Sunset Process - Senate Judiciary Committee.** The bill implements the recommendations of the department of regulatory agencies to:

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

- Continue the offender reentry and education programs (programs);
- Direct the department of corrections to promulgate rules requiring incarcerated persons be informed of reentry services and programs; and
- Require the department of corrections to track the long-term recidivism rates of persons who were formerly incarcerated who participated in the programs.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-33-101, **amend**  
3 (3) and (7)(g); and **add** (2.5) as follows:

4 **17-33-101. Reentry planning and programs for adult parole**  
5 **- grant program - rules - reports - repeal.** (2.5) THE DEPARTMENT  
6 SHALL PROMULGATE RULES THAT REQUIRE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL  
7 FACILITIES AND DEPARTMENT CASE WORKERS TO INFORM AN  
8 INCARCERATED PERSON OF REENTRY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS PRIOR TO  
9 THE INCARCERATED PERSON'S RELEASE FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

10 (3) On and after July 1, 2014:

11 (a) The department shall develop and implement initiatives within  
12 the department specifically designed to decrease recidivism, enhance  
13 public safety, and increase each ~~offender's~~ INCARCERATED PERSON'S  
14 chances of achieving success upon ~~his or her~~ THE INCARCERATED  
15 PERSON'S release ~~to~~ INTO the community.

16 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRACK THE LONG-TERM RECIDIVISM  
17 RATES OF PERSONS WHO WERE FORMERLY INCARCERATED WHO  
18 PARTICIPATED IN REENTRY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS.

19 (7) (g) This subsection (7) is repealed, effective September 1,  
20 ~~2023~~ 2032. Before its repeal, the department of regulatory agencies shall  
21 review the grant program in accordance with section 24-34-104.

1           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**  
2 (24)(a)(VII); and **add** (33)(a)(IV) as follows:

3           **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
4 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**  
5 **declaration - repeal.** (24) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,  
6 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2023:

7           (VII) ~~The grant program to provide funding to eligible~~  
8 ~~community-based organizations that provide reentry services to people on~~  
9 ~~parole or inmates transitioning through community corrections described~~  
10 ~~in section 17-33-101 (7);~~

11           (33) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled  
12 for repeal on September 1, 2032:

13           (IV) THE GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ELIGIBLE  
14 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE REENTRY SERVICES  
15 TO PEOPLE ON PAROLE OR INMATES TRANSITIONING THROUGH COMMUNITY  
16 CORRECTIONS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 17-33-101 (7);

17           **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
18 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
19 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
20 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
21 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
22 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
23 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
24 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
25 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.