

## **SB 1384 – Inmate Reentry**

This bill requires the Department of Corrections to develop and administer a reentry program for nonviolent offenders, which is intended to divert them from long periods of incarceration. More specifically, this program would target third degree felony offenders without a prior history of violence and are not required to register as sex offenders. Additionally, the offender must have served at least 50% of his or her sentence, and must have been identified as having a need for substance abuse treatment.

Per DOC, there will be 720 (adj.) inmates eligible for the reentry program if it goes into effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. However, the bill as it is currently written allows for multiple steps where discretion could be a deciding factor in who enters the program. This begins with the department using an inmate's history both outside and inside of prison to decide whether to include that person in the program. It is followed by the department notifying the sentencing court and state attorney that the offender is being considered for placement in the program. And when the program is nearing completion, the department will once again notify the sentencing court about the offender's progress. If the offender's performance is satisfactory to both the department and the court, that person can be placed on drug offender probation.

**CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Negative Indeterminate**

**Requested by: Senate**