Public Act 121 of 2024
Article 2, Section 417
Criminal Justice Reinvestment
Annual Report

Sec. 417. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 for criminal justice reinvestment must be used only to fund data collection and evidence-based programs designed to reduce recidivism among probationers, parolees, and prisoners.
(2) Of the funds appropriated in part 1 for criminal justice reinvestment, not less than $600,000.00 must be allocated to an organization that has received a United States Department of Labor training to work 2-adult reentry grant to provide county jail inmates with programming and services to prepare them to get and keep jobs. Examples of eligible programs and services include, but are not limited to: adult education, tutoring, manufacturing skills training, participation in a simulated work environment, mentoring, cognitive therapy groups, life skills classes, substance use disorder recovery groups, fatherhood programs, classes in understanding the legal system, family literacy, health and wellness, finance management, employer presentations, and classes on job retention. Programming and support services should begin before release and continue after release from the county jail. To be eligible for funding, an organization must show not less than 2 years of data that demonstrate program success. (3) The department shall report on programs described under this section not later than March 30. The report must include all of the following:
(a) The reincarceration recidivism rate of program participants.
(b) The employment rate of participants who complete the program.
(c) The cost of the program per participant.

Public Act 121 of 2024 requires the Michigan Department of Corrections to submit an annual report providing details of the Ex-offenders In Transition (EXIT) Program. The EXIT program is designed to reduce recidivism by creating an individualized plan for each eligible participant and placing the person into the below services and evidenced based programs as assessed:

- Manufacturing training
- Adult Basic Education and tutoring
- High school credit recovery
- Access to computer-based industrial/electrical training
- Employer presentations
- Therapeutic groups
- Parenting classes
- Faith-based personal development
- Mentoring, finance classes
- Work readiness and retention
- Simulated work experience
- Community service
- Health and wellness classes
- Mental health assessment and referrals
- Substance abuse recovery groups
- Family literacy
- Case management

This report includes the reincarceration recidivism rate of program participants, the employment rate of participants who complete the program, and the cost of the program per participant from fiscal years 2023 (10/1/2022-9/30/2023) and 2024 (10/1/23 – 9/30/2024).

EXIT Program Reincarceration Recidivism Rate

- EXIT Program defines reincarceration recidivism as a participant who has completed programming but has acquired new charges, resulting in a prison or jail sentence within 30 days after completion of Phase 1 and Phase 2 programming.
- For FY 2023, 13 participants completed Phase 1 & 2. Out of 13 completions, 0 participants acquired new charges within 30 days of completion showing 0% program reincarceration recidivism rate. However, 2 out of 11 offenders who completed Phase 2, acquired a new felony charge within 5 months that resulted in a prison or probation sentence. This equates to a recidivism rate of 18.1%.
- For FY 2024, 34 participants completed Phase 1 & 2. Out of the 34 completions, 2 participants acquired new charges within 30 days of completion. This equates to a 5.8% reincarceration recidivism rate.

Program Employment Rate

- EXIT Program defines the employment rate as any participant who has been initially placed with an employer within 30 days after completing Phase 1 and Phase 2 programming.
- For FY 2023, 19 participants completed Phases 1 & 2. Out of 19 completers, 13 participants were placed with an employer within 30 days of completion which is a 68% employment rate.
- For FY 2024, 23 participants completed Phases 1 & 2. Out of 23 completers, 13 participants were placed with an employer within 30 days of completion which is a 57% employment rate.

Cost of the EXIT Program

- EXIT Program defines the cost of the program as contractual services, operating costs, and supplies divided by the number of participants.
- For FY 2023 the determined cost per participant was $5,505.94 with 55 participants receiving services.
- For FY 2024 the determined cost per participant was $4,066.68 with 63 participants receiving services.