

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Pursuant to P.A. 166 of 2022
Article 2, Section 501
Criminal Justice Reinvestment
Annual Report

Sec. 501. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for criminal justice reinvestment shall be used only to fund data collection and evidence-based programs designed to reduce recidivism among probationers and parolees.

(2) Of the funds appropriated in part 1 for criminal justice reinvestment, at least \$600,000.00 shall 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 abuse 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 at least 2 years' worth of data that demonstrate program success.

(3) The department shall report on programs described under this section by March 30. The report shall include the reincarceration recidivism rate of program participants, the employment rate of participants who complete the program, and the cost of the program per participant.

INTRODUCTION

Public Act 166 of 2022 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:

1. Manufacturing training
2. Adult Basic Education and tutoring
3. High school credit recovery
4. Access to computer-based industrial/electrical training
5. Employer presentations
6. Cognition therapy
7. Parenting classes
8. Faith-based personal development
9. Mentoring, finance classes
10. Work readiness and retention
11. Simulated work experience
12. Community service
13. Health and wellness classes
14. Mental health assessment and referrals
15. Substance abuse recovery groups

16. Family literacy
17. 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 2021 (10/1/2020-9/30/2021) and 2022 (10/1/21 – 9/30/2022).

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 2021, the number of program completers of Phase 1 & 2 indicates 16 and 2 participants, respectively, acquired new charges within 30 days of completion with the percentage of **12%** program reincarceration recidivism rate.

For FY 2022, the number of program completers of Phase 1 & 2 indicates 15 and 1 participant, respectively, acquired new charges within 30 days of completion with the percentage of **6.6%** program 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 21, the numbers of program completers of Phases 1 & 2 indicate 16 and 13 participants, respectively, were placed with an employer within 30 days of completion with the percentage of **81%** program employment rate.

For FY 22, the numbers of program completers of Phases 1 & 2 indicate 15 and 11 participants, respectively, were placed with an employer within 30 days of completion with the percentage of **73%** program employment rate.

Cost of the EXIT Program

EXIT Program defines cost of the program as being based on the enrollment goal of 100 program participants and using the following three key program budget costs in contractual services, operating and supplies.

The determined cost per participant was \$4,054.83 during FY - 2021.

The determined cost per participant was \$4,253.98 during FY- 2022.