

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Pursuant to Public Act 119 of 2023
Article 2, Section 417
Criminal Justice Reinvestment
Annual Report

Sec. 417. (1) 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, parolees, and prisoners.

(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.

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 2022 (10/1/2021-9/30/2022) and 2023 (10/1/22 – 9/30/2023).

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 2022, the number of program completers of Phase 1 & 2 indicates 16 and 2 participants of the completers acquired new charges within 30 days of completion showing **12%** program reincarceration recidivism rate.

For FY 2023, the number of program completers of Phase 1 & 2 indicates 13 and 0 participants of the completers 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 showing a recidivism rate of 18.1%.

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

For FY 23, the numbers of program completers of Phases 1 & 2 indicate 19 and 13 participants of the completers were placed with an employer within 30 days of completion with the percentage of **68%** 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 of \$2,297.14 during FY- 2022 using the *goal number of 100 participants*

The determined cost per participant of \$4,253.98 during FY- 2022 using the *actual number of 54 participants receiving services in FY2022*

The determined cost per participant of \$3,028.26 during FY- 2023 using the *goal number of 100 participants*

The determined cost per participant of \$5,505.94 during FY- 2023 using the *actual number of 55 participants receiving services in FY2022*