

Amendment No. 1 to HB1690

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1742

House Bill No. 1690*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-8-106, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(1) In addition to the reimbursement under subsection (c) and subdivision (g)(2), the department shall pay a recidivism-reduction stipend to any county:

(A) That has a population of less than three hundred thousand (300,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census; and

(B) In which the county jail houses eligible program participants pursuant to a contract with the state and provides evidence-based programs to reduce recidivism rates among eligible program participants.

(2) The recidivism-reduction stipend must be set at an additional five dollars (\$5.00) per day to be added to the reimbursement for each eligible program participant who is enrolled in a qualifying program at the county jail. If an eligible program participant is enrolled in more than one (1) program, the department shall pay a stipend for each program in which the participant is enrolled.

(3) The department shall determine the eligibility of programs, which may focus on education, vocational training, mental health, substance abuse rehabilitation, building healthy relationships, or any other specialty that can be shown by scientific research to effectively reduce the recidivism rate of participants and increase the likelihood of success following release from incarceration. Each eligible program must be evidence-based and matched to the risk needs of enrolled participants.

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(4) In order to maintain the recidivism-reduction stipend, the county must provide documentation that at least seventy percent (70%) of the participants who enroll in the program go on to complete the program in a timely manner as determined by the department.

(5) As used in this subsection, an "eligible program participant" means a locally-sentenced felon or state-sentenced felon who will be incarcerated for a period of time that will allow for completion of the program before release from incarceration or expiration of sentence. The participant must not be transported to serve a sentence in state prison in the custody of the department of correction after successful completion of the program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.