

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
REPORT TO THE 2016 LEGISLATURE

ACT 149 (SLH 2014)  
REENTRY PILOT PROJECT FOR NONVIOLENT,  
LOW RISK DRUG OFFENDERS

Department of Public Safety  
Corrections Program Services  
December 2015

## **INTRODUCTION**

In 2014, the Twenty-Seventh Legislature passed Act 149 with the purpose of establishing a two-year Reentry Pilot Project within the Department of Public Safety (PSD), to develop and implement a plan to demonstrate the cost-effectiveness of providing a coordinated system of reentry treatment and support services to help nonviolent, low-risk drug offenders transition from jail or prison back into the community. The legislative intent for the coordination of a systemic, comprehensive continuum of treatment services included:

1. Reducing the prison population and the cost of incarceration by decreasing recidivism among nonviolent, low-risk drug offenders;
2. Identifying a network of key resources necessary for success; and,
3. Preserving public safety through careful initial screening and continued monitoring of participants in the project as they live in the community.

Act 149 (SLH 2014) requires PSD to provide oversight over the pilot project, and to purchase or contract necessary services to support the provision of community-based treatment, including residential care, out-patient care, vocational rehabilitation, sober housing, psychiatric care, medical care, family reunification, and support from faith-based organizations, cultural groups, and recovery support groups.

## **FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Since the last report to the Legislature, PSD has established the Reentry Office within the Corrections Division, and the recruitment of five civil service staff is currently underway. These include three program specialists, one supervisor, and one support position.

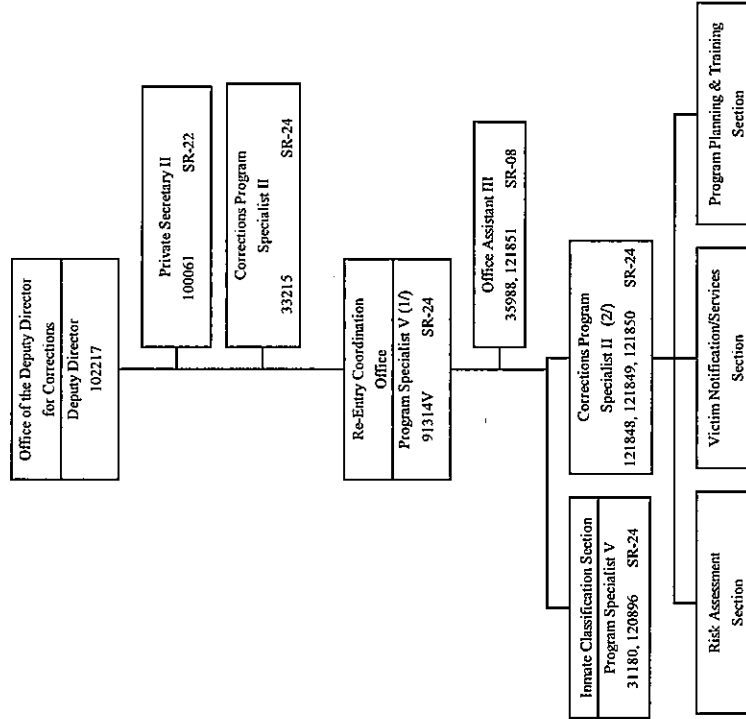
PSD has already implemented certain functions envisioned by Act 149 by assigning tasks to existing staff, for example, to liaison with the Crime Victims Compensation Commission and the Interagency Council on Intermediate Sanctions. The Department is firmly committed to developing, coordinating, and monitoring the necessary functions to carry out the purposes of the Act.

Attachment

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 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
 SAFETY  
 OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY  
 DIRECTOR  
 FOR CORRECTIONS  
 RE-ENTRY COORDINATION  
 OFFICE

POSITION ORGANIZATION  
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PROPOSED



1/ To be redescribed to Program  
 Corrections Development Officer (EM-03)

2/ Corrections Program Specialist II  
 positions (121848, 121849, 121850) will  
 oversee the three Sections (Risk  
 Assessment, Victim Notification/Services,  
 and Program Planning & Training).