

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT

Second Reading

BY SENATOR Gonzales

1 Amend the printed bill, page 2, after line 12 insert:

2 "SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-11.3-101, amend
3 (1)(d), (1)(f), (1)(i), and (2) as follows:

4 16-11.3-101. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly
5 finds and declares that:

6 (d) The number of offenders projected to be sentenced in the
7 future ~~will~~ MAY require that an even greater percentage of the state budget
8 be dedicated to incarceration UNLESS NON-CARCERAL AND EFFECTIVE
9 INTERVENTIONS ARE DEVELOPED THAT DECREASE PRISON POPULATIONS
10 WHILE DECREASING RECIDIVISM AND CREATING HEALTHIER, SAFER, AND
11 CRIME-FREE COMMUNITIES;

12 (f) It is in the interest of the people of the state of Colorado to
13 maintain public safety through the most cost-effective AND
14 RESEARCH-BASED use of limited criminal justice resources;

15 (i) It is in the best interest of the public to engage in a
16 comprehensive, evidence-based analysis of the circumstances and
17 characteristics of the offenders being sentenced to AND RESIDING IN the
18 department of corrections, the alternatives to incarceration, THE
19 AVAILABILITY OF TRANSITIONAL AND HOUSING RESOURCES FOR
20 OFFENDERS TO SUPPORT SUCCESSFUL REENTRY, the effectiveness of
21 prevention programs, and the effectiveness of the criminal code and
22 sentencing laws in securing public safety.

23 (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that a commission
24 comprised of ~~experts~~ PERSONS WITH KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE in
25 criminal justice, corrections, mental and behavioral health, drug abuse,
26 VIOLENCE PREVENTION, victims' rights, ~~higher~~ education, juvenile justice,
27 local government, and other pertinent disciplines shall be formed to
28 engage in an evidence-based analysis of the criminal justice system in
29 Colorado and annually report to the governor, the speaker of the house of
30 representatives, the president of the senate, and the chief justice of the
31 Colorado supreme court."

32 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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