

Section 30035.7 of the Government Code is amended to read:

(a) Of the amount appropriated in the annual Budget Act or other measure for the program, the department's Office of State Audits and Evaluations may use up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to conduct ~~a review~~ an audit of the program to determine its effectiveness in providing services to ex-offenders. ~~offenders released from state prison or county jail.~~

(b) The department's Office of State Audits and Evaluations ~~shall~~ may initiate its audit review of the program on July 1, 2018. The department shall provide a copy of the audit review to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee no later than May 1, ~~2019~~ 2020. The copy of the audit review shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795.

(c) Cities, counties, cities and counties, and facility operators that receive program funds shall agree, as a condition of receiving program funds, to cooperate fully with the audit review conducted pursuant to this section by the department's Office of State Audits and Evaluations.