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Section 28.50—California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation—Reentry Housing

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 28.50 of the 2020 Budget Act, the following report is respectfully submitted.

The Department of Finance has received a request from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to increase reimbursement authority by \$15 million, pursuant to an award from the Board of State and Community Corrections from the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF), which was made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), for emergency reentry housing. The CESF funds are available to state, local governments, and tribes to respond to COVID-19.

In its efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, CDCR implemented an accelerated release plan to decompress the prison system. At the time of their release, some inmates may not have access to housing, which could result in exposure to COVID-19 or homelessness. To support individuals who do not have access to housing, CDCR is leveraging its Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming (STOP) contracts that provide comprehensive, evidence-based programs and services to parolees in their first year of release during their transition into the community. The STOP network is available in most counties throughout California, administered from six regional placement offices in Fresno, Los Angeles, Marin, Sacramento, San Bernardino, and San Diego. The STOP contracts will be amended to initially offer temporary housing for 30 days, which can be extended up to 180 days for some individuals, while they finalize their long-term housing plan.

We concur with the necessity of this change to the approved budget and request a waiver of the 30-day waiting period because accelerated releases are currently underway and there is an immediate and urgent need for temporary housing.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Robert Nelson, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-8913.



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