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DIVISION 2. CHILDREN [100 - 1500] (*Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1937, Ch. 369.*)

PART 1. DELINQUENTS AND WARDS OF THE JUVENILE COURT [100 - 1459] (*Part 1 enacted by Stats. 1937, Ch. 369.*

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CHAPTER 2. Juvenile Court Law [200 - 987] (*Chapter 2 repealed and added by Stats. 1961, Ch. 1616.*)

ARTICLE 18.9. Juvenile Justice Community Reentry Challenge Grant Program [749.5 - 749.95] (*Article 18.9 added by Stats. 2006, Ch. 69, Sec. 35.*)

749.5. This article shall be known and may be cited as the Juvenile Justice Community Reentry Challenge Grant Program.

(*Added by Stats. 2006, Ch. 69, Sec. 35. Effective July 12, 2006.*)

749.6. It is the intent of the Legislature to support the systematic and cultural transformation of the Division of Juvenile Justice into a rehabilitative model that improves youthful offender outcomes and reduces recidivism. As a key component of meeting these goals, it is further the intent of the Legislature to support the development of local infrastructure that provides comprehensive reentry services for juvenile parolees. These services shall be complementary to, and consistent with, the long-term objective of providing a continuum of state and local responses to juvenile delinquency that enhance public safety and improve offender outcomes.

(*Added by Stats. 2006, Ch. 69, Sec. 35. Effective July 12, 2006.*)

749.7. (a) The Juvenile Justice Community Reentry Challenge Grant Program shall be administered by the Division of Juvenile Justice, in consultation with the Corrections Standards Authority, for the purpose of improving the performance and cost-effectiveness of postcustodial reentry supervision of juvenile parolees, reducing the recidivism rates of juvenile offenders, and piloting innovative reentry programs consistent with the division's focus on a rehabilitative treatment model.

(b) This program shall award grants on a competitive basis to applicants that demonstrate a collaborative and comprehensive approach to the successful community reintegration of juvenile parolees, through the provision of wrap-around services that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Transitional or step-down housing, including, but not limited to, group homes subject to Section 18987.62.
- (2) Occupational development and job placement.
- (3) Outpatient mental health services.
- (4) Substance abuse treatment services.
- (5) Education.
- (6) Life skills counseling.
- (7) Restitution and community service.
- (8) Case management.
- (9) Intermediate sanctions for technical violations of conditions of parole.

(c) To be eligible for consideration, applicants shall submit a program plan that includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (1) The target population.

- (2) The type of housing and wrap-around services provided.
- (3) A parole and community reentry plan for each parolee.
- (4) Potential sanctions for a parolee's failure to observe the conditions of the program.
- (5) Coordination with local probation and other law enforcement agencies.
- (6) Coordination with other service providers and community partners.

(Added by Stats. 2006, Ch. 69, Sec. 35. Effective July 12, 2006.)

749.8. (a) The Division of Juvenile Justice, in consultation with the Corrections Standards Authority, shall award grants that provide funding for three years on a competitive basis to counties and nonprofit organizations.

(b) A minimum of 75 percent of the grant award shall be for providing program services to individuals on parole from the Division of Juvenile Justice. The remainder of the grant award may additionally be used for providing program services to youthful offenders under the jurisdiction of the county or local juvenile court who are transitioning from out-of-home placements back into the community.

(c) The division shall award grants in a manner that maximizes the development of meaningful and innovative local programs to provide comprehensive reentry services for juvenile parolees.

(d) For any grant award, the division shall work with the juvenile court and the probation department of the county or counties in the grant service area to identify state and local case supervision responsibilities that are appropriate for the effective operation and management of the reentry programs supported by the grant. These responsibilities shall be incorporated into a case supervision plan for the grant that shall describe the role of local courts and probation departments in facilitating individual reentry plans, in assigning or removing parolees from grant-funded programs, and in meeting evaluation criteria for the grant.

(Added by Stats. 2006, Ch. 69, Sec. 35. Effective July 12, 2006.)

749.9. The Division of Juvenile Justice, in consultation with the Corrections Standards Authority, the Chief Probation Officers of California, and experts in the field of California juvenile justice programs, shall establish minimum standards, funding schedules, and procedures for awarding grants, which shall take into consideration, but not be limited to, all of the following:

- (a) The size of the eligible population.
- (b) A demonstrated ability to administer the program.
- (c) A demonstrated ability to develop and provide a collaborative approach to improving parolee success rates that includes the participation of nonprofit and community partners.
- (d) A demonstrated ability to provide comprehensive services to support improved parolee outcomes, including housing, training, and treatment.
- (e) A demonstrated ability to provide effective oversight and management of youthful offenders or young adults who have been committed to a detention facility, and parolees that require reentry supervision and control.
- (f) A demonstrated history of maximizing federal, state, local, and private funding sources.

(Added by Stats. 2006, Ch. 69, Sec. 35. Effective July 12, 2006.)

749.95. (a) Each grant recipient shall be required to establish and track outcome measures, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Annual recidivism rates, including technical parole violations and new offenses.
- (2) The number and percent of participants successfully completing parole.
- (3) The number and percent of participants engaged in part-time or full-time employment, enrolled in higher education or vocational training, receiving drug and substance abuse treatment, or receiving mental health treatment.
- (4) The number and percent of participants that obtain stable housing, including the type of housing.

(b) The Division of Juvenile Justice, in consultation with the Corrections Standards Authority, the Chief Probation Officers of California, and experts in the field of California juvenile justice programs, shall create an evaluation design for the Juvenile Justice Community Reentry Challenge Grant Program that will assess the effectiveness of the program. The division shall develop an interim report to be submitted to the Legislature on or before March 1, 2009, and a final analysis of the grant program in a report to be submitted to the Legislature on or before March 1, 2011.

