

File Number

07-0002-s82

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07/30/2007

Title

H.R. 1593 / S. 1060 / SECOND CHANCE ACT

Initiated by

Huizar Mover 2007 / Parks

Subject

Resolution - WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and
WHEREAS, there are over 3,200 jails throughout the United States; and
WHEREAS, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, expenditures on corrections alone increased from \$9 billion in 1982 to \$59.6 billion in 2002; and
WHEREAS, in 2002, over 7 million people were incarcerated in Federal, State, or local prisons or jails, or were under parole or court supervision; and
WHEREAS, two-thirds of released State prisoners are expected to be rearrested for a felony or serious misdemeanor within three years after release; and
WHEREAS, millions of prisoners are released back into the general population each year; and
WHEREAS, reentry programs provide valuable skills to prisoners to aid with their successful transition back into society; and
WHEREAS, the lack of reentry programs for prisoners may contribute to an increase in recidivism rates; and
WHEREAS, 70 percent of all prisoners function at the lowest literacy levels; and
WHEREAS, less than 32 percent of State prison inmates have a high school diploma or higher level of education, compared to 82 percent of the general population; and
WHEREAS, studies have shown that between 15 percent and 27 percent of prisoners expect to go to homeless shelters upon release from prison; and
WHEREAS, H.R. 1593 and S. 1060, also known as the Second Chance Act, would authorize the use of grants, issued by the Justice Department to states, for the planning and implementation of reentry programs for offenders who are transitioning back into the general population; and
WHEREAS, reentry programs would be targeted at reducing recidivism rates of people leaving jails and prisons and prevent homelessness; and
WHEREAS, reentry programs provide a variety of services to people leaving prisons, including employment training, comprehensive substance abuse treatment program, housing and job counseling and mentoring programs; and
WHEREAS, H.R. 1593 and S. 1060 could potentially help states save money that is spent on incarceration costs; and
WHEREAS, these bills seek to build upon program developed under the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative, that provided \$139 million in funding for State governments to develop and implement education, job training, mental health treatment, and substance abuse treatment, but which expired in 2005;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles, hereby includes in its 2007-2008 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of H.R. 1593 and S. 1060, the Second Chance Act, that would authorize the use of grants, issued by the Justice Department to states, for the planning and implementation of reentry programs for offenders who are transitioning back into the general population.

Date Received

04/11/2007

File History

- 4-11-07 - This day's Council session
- 4-11-07 - Ref to Intergovernmental Relations Committee
- 4-11-07 - File to Intergovernmental Relations Committee Clerk
- 7-12-07 - For ref - Communication from the Chief Legislative Analyst 07-04-0670, dated July 12, 2007, relative to legislative position on H.R. 1593 and S. 1060, the Second Chance Act of 2007, which would authorize the use of

grants, issued by the United States Department of Justice Department (DOJ), for the planning, implementation and improvement of reentry programs for adults and juvenile offenders who are transitioning back into the general population.

7-13-07 - Ref to Intergovernmental Relations Committee - to Committee Clerk

7-25-07 - Council Action - Motion ADOPTED to approve Intergovernmental Relations Committee report recommendation, SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLVE to include in the City's 2007-2008 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of H.R. 1593 and SB 1060, the Second Chance Act of 2007, which would authorize the use of grants, issued by the United States Department of Justice, for the planning, implementation, and improvement of reentry programs for adult and juvenile offenders who are transitioning back into the general population.

7-30-07 - File to Mayor