

SENATE THIRD READING

SB 157 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)

As Amended September 8, 2025

Majority vote. Budget Bill Appropriation Takes Effect Immediately

SUMMARY

This trailer bill includes the necessary provisions required to implement the 2025-26 Budget Act related to public safety.

Major Provisions

- 1) Updates the Community Corrections Performance Incentives Fund grant methodology which was first established by Chapter 608, Statutes of 2009, and provides county probation departments with grants to maintain or improve their prison rates. The updated formula includes a performance maintenance payment and a performance incentive payment, as specified, provides a minimum of \$200,000 to each county, and updates various definitions and reporting requirements.
- 2) Aligns specified contracting requirements for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's (CDCR) Community Participant Mother Program with the department's other reentry programs. The updated requirements allow for long-term contracts of up to ten years, permits the use of a request for information contracting process, and directs CDCR to prioritize program proposals that: 1) have approved land use, 2) can provide rehabilitative programming in a rehabilitative setting, 3) are operated by nonprofit organizations, and 4) have demonstrated expertise in supporting and strengthening family connection and parent-child relationships.
- 3) Provides a limited exemption to the Office of the State Public Defender from certain state contracting requirements to avoid potential conflicts with the office's ethical duty to serve the best interests of their clients. This exemption does not apply to the office's contracts for general services such as technology procurement.
- 4) Clarifies that specified employees within the Board of State Community Corrections have access to local detention facilities' records to fulfill their mandate to review in-custody deaths, pursuant to Chapter 306, Statutes of 2023.
- 5) Includes amendments to resolve a chaptering issue between AB 134 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 10, Statutes of 2025), and SB 857 (Committee on Public Safety) of the 2025-26 Regular Session, which will only become operative if both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2026.

COMMENTS**According to the Author**

Arguments in Support

None on file.

Arguments in Opposition

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS

Appropriates \$103.7 million General Fund for the Community Corrections Performance Incentives Fund.

VOTES

SENATE FLOOR: 28-10-2

YES: Allen, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Cortese, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Hurtado, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNerney, Menjivar, Padilla, Pérez, Richardson, Rubio, Smallwood-Cuevas, Umberg, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

NO: Alvarado-Gil, Choi, Dahle, Grove, Jones, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Seyarto, Strickland, Valladares

ABS, ABST OR NV: Reyes, Stern

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