

Department of Corrections
HB 20-1360
Long Bill Footnotes and Request for Information Report 2020-21

Footnote # **Statement**

- 3** Department of Corrections, Management, Executive Director’s Office Subprogram, Health, Life, and Dental – The General Fund appropriation includes a decrease of \$19,465,170 that is equal to 5.0 percent of the General Fund portion of estimated base salary for the Department. The reduction in this General Fund appropriation is in lieu of a 5.0 percent personal services base reduction and provides the Department with increased flexibility to absorb the reduction and engage in more considered targeted reductions across all department divisions and programs. This reduction is not intended to reduce the Health, Life, and Dental benefit provided to state employees. It is the General Assembly’s intent that Health, Life, and Dental costs for employees, as approved in budget actions, be fully paid within personal services appropriations augmented by Department allocations from central benefits appropriations. **The Department complies with this footnote request.**
- 4** Department of Corrections, Management, External Capacity Subprogram, Payments to House State Prisoners – The Department of Corrections is authorized to transfer up to 5.0 percent of the total appropriation for the external capacity subprogram between line items in the external capacity subprogram for purposes of reimbursing local jails and private prison providers. **The Department complies with this footnote request and notes that no fund transfers were required in the External Capacity Subprogram budget lines during FY 2019-20.**
- 5** Department of Corrections, Institutions, Housing and Security Subprogram, Personal Services – The amount appropriated in this line item does not include the \$380,688 of FY 2020-21 General Fund appropriations for the Department of Corrections set forth in sections 123 through 126 of Title 17, Article 18, C.R.S. In calculating the amount appropriated in this line item, it is assumed that these statutory appropriations will be used for the same line item. **The Department utilized the funds as stated in this footnote request.**
- 6** Department of Corrections, Community Services, Parole Subprogram, Community Re-entry Program, Transitional Work Program – The \$3,500,000 FY 2019-20 appropriation from the General Fund to the Parole Subprogram’s Work Release Program remains available to the Community Re-entry Subprogram’s Transitional Work Program until the close of the 2020-21 state fiscal year. **The Department intends to utilize the funds as stated in this footnote request.**

Request for Information # Statement

Requests Affecting Multiple Departments:

RFI #1 **Department of Corrections; Department of Human Services; Judicial Department; Department of Public Safety; and Department of Transportation -- State agencies**

involved in multi-agency programs requiring separate appropriations to each agency are requested to designate one lead agency to be responsible for submitting a comprehensive annual budget request for such programs to the Joint Budget Committee, including prior year, request year, and three year forecasts for revenues into the fund and expenditures from the fund by agency. The requests should be sustainable for the length of the forecast based on anticipated revenues. Each agency is still requested to submit its portion of such request with its own budget document. This applies to requests for appropriation from: the Alcohol and Drug Driving Safety Program Fund, the Law Enforcement Assistance Fund, the Offender Identification Fund, the Persistent Drunk Driver Cash Fund, and the Sex Offender Surcharge Fund, among other programs. **The Sex Offender Surcharge Funds and Correctional Treatment Funds are tracked by the Judicial Department. The Department reports the total Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo (CMHIP) expenditures for Youthful Offender System (YOS), San Carlos Correctional Facility (SCCF), and La Vista Correctional Facility (LVCF) in its November 1 budget submission.**

RFI #7

Department of Corrections, Management; and Institutions; Department of Higher Education, Governing Boards, Regents of the University of Colorado; and Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health, Mental Health Institutes -- The Departments are requested to work together to explore strategies to increase the ability of the Department of Human Services and the Department of Corrections to recruit and retain the most competent and desirable candidates to provide psychiatric care at the Mental Health Institutes and state prison facilities. These strategies may include, but not be limited to: Expanding the academic affiliation with the University of Colorado School of Medicine to include an option for academic promotion, teaching, and research opportunities for psychiatrists recruited to the Mental Health Institutes and the Department of Corrections in an effort to benefit all, and to evaluate additional opportunities for medical student and resident clinical experiences in state psychiatric and correctional facilities; increasing the utilization of tele psychiatry; and improving collaboration between the University of Colorado School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry, the Mental Health Institutes, and the Department of Corrections in recruiting, hiring, and retaining qualified psychiatrists with forensic and correctional expertise. The Department of Human Services is requested to submit a report by October 1, 2020, describing the status of these discussions, any plans to implement new recruitment and retention strategies, the estimated fiscal impact of implementing such strategies, and any potential actions the General Assembly should consider taking to support successful implementation of such strategies. **The Department complied with this request for information and collaborated with the Departments of Higher Education and Human Services, to include providing the necessary data to the Department of Human Services for inclusion in the October 1, 2020 report.**

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RFI # 1 Department of Corrections, Institutions, Mental Health Subprogram – It is requested that the Department submit a report to the House Judiciary Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee by January 31, 2021, detailing the progress related to the mental

health unit at Centennial Correctional Facility. **The Department will comply with this request for information and will provide the requested report to the House and Senate Judiciary Committees by January 31, 2021.**

RFI # 2 Department of Corrections, Community Services, Community Reentry Subprogram, Work Release Program – It is requested that the Department of Corrections submit a report to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1 of each year detailing progress related to the work release program. **The Department will comply with this request for information and will provide the requested report to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1, 2020.**

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