

## HOUSE BILL No. 2141

By Committee on Judiciary

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9 AN ACT concerning corrections; creating a grant program to fight crime  
10 by strengthening community corrections and implementing risk re-  
11 duction supervision.  
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. (a) Subject to the provision of appropriation acts, the sec-  
15 retary of corrections shall develop and implement a grant program with  
16 the goal of increasing public safety, reducing the risk of offenders on  
17 community supervision and reducing each community corrections pro-  
18 gram's revocations rate by at least 20% from such program's fiscal year  
19 2006 revocation rate. Any county or counties operating community cor-  
20 rectional services may apply for the grant. The program shall give priority  
21 to a county or counties in which the revocation rate for offenders on  
22 community supervision is significantly higher than the statewide average,  
23 which target a higher percentage of revocation reductions than the re-  
24 quired minimum of 20% or which target the successful reentry of of-  
25 fenders who are considered medium or high risk for revocation.

26 (b) The secretary shall adopt grant requirements in accordance with  
27 this section. Proposals for grants under this program shall include, but  
28 not be limited to, provisions to:

29 (1) Target offenders at medium and high risk for revocation utilizing  
30 risk assessment instruments approved by the secretary;

31 (2) reduce and specialize caseloads for community corrections  
32 officers;

33 (3) provide the offenders with the needed supervision and services  
34 to improve such offenders' opportunity to successfully complete com-  
35 munity correctional services programs, resulting in a reduction in revo-  
36 cations to prison. Such services may include, but not be limited to, em-  
37 ployment training and placement, educational assistance, transportation  
38 and housing. Such services shall be evidence-based and address offenders'  
39 criminogenic risks, needs and responsivity characteristics;

40 (4) use an intermediate sanctions community supervision model;

41 (5) provide staff training and skill development for community cor-  
42 rections officers in risk reduction and intervention. Such training and  
43 development shall be approved and certified by the secretary;

- 1 (6) utilize treatment options, including substance abuse treatment,  
2 mental health treatment, and cognitive and behavioral programs for of-  
3 fenders. For identified need areas, approved assessment and evaluation  
4 instruments should be utilized to ensure offender placement into appro-  
5 priate levels of treatment and intervention;
- 6 (7) use gang intervention strategies;
- 7 (8) address safety concerns of the community;
- 8 (9) implement a method of tracking and reporting revocations;
- 9 (10) establish a goal of reducing the number of offenders, by a spec-  
10 ified percentage, whose supervision is revoked and the offender sen-  
11 tenced to prison by providing: (A) A plan to reduce the revocation rate  
12 for offenders on community supervision by at least 20% from such pro-  
13 gram's fiscal year 2006 revocations rate; (B) a plan to reduce the revo-  
14 cation rate at a percentage greater than the 20% minimum established to  
15 receive such grants; or (C) a plan which targets the successful reentry of  
16 offenders who are considered medium or high risk for revocation;
- 17 (11) develop a specific accountability system for monitoring, tracking  
18 and utilizing the grant funds and to evaluate the effectiveness of the grant  
19 funds; and
- 20 (12) develop a consistent set of policies that will guide judges and  
21 community corrections officers in the supervision and revocation of of-  
22 fenders on community corrections supervision.
- 23 (c) The department of corrections shall establish a date for achieving  
24 goals based upon implementation time-lines and goals specific to each  
25 grant, which may include an overall reduction or a reduction for a spe-  
26 cifically targeted population.
- 27 (d) The department of corrections shall evaluate the programs which  
28 received a grant using a research-based process evaluation targeting the  
29 critical components of effective programs to ensure that the program is  
30 being delivered as such program was designed. Continued funding shall  
31 be contingent on the program meeting the established goals.
- 32 (d) The secretary shall prepare a report which states the number of  
33 programs receiving grants pursuant to this section, specifically identifying  
34 each program, summarizing the provisions of each program and the suc-  
35 cess of the program in reducing revocations. Such report shall be deliv-  
36 ered to the governor, the secretary of the senate, the chief clerk of the  
37 house of representatives and the Kansas reentry policy council on or be-  
38 fore the first day of the regular legislative session each year in which the  
39 grant program is funded.
- 40 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
41 publication in the statute book.