



HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL AMENDMENT
PCBAPC16-01

SENATE CHAMBER ACTION HOUSE
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Representative(s): **Williams**
offered the following amendment:

In Section: 04 On Page: 121 Specific Appropriation: 750

Explanation:

The amendment deletes \$50,000 in recurring general revenue from Operation New Hope's reentry program and provides \$50,000 in recurring general revenue for Gadsden County Faith Behind Bars Reentry program.

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CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF
Program: Education And Programs
Adult Offender Transition, Rehabilitation
And Support

750 In Section 04 On Page 121
Special Categories
Contracted Services

DELETE the proviso immediately following Specific Appropriation 750:

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 750, \$1,225,000 in recurring general revenue funds is provided for Operation New Hope's Ready4Work reentry initiative. Operation New Hope will provide pre-release risk assessment, a plan-of-care, career development and life skills training, and referrals for incarcerated inmates who may be eligible for Ready4Work program services upon release. Operation New Hope will also provide post-release services including case management, career development and life skills training, life-coaching (mentoring), family reunification, and job placement assistance to offenders on community supervision. Operation New Hope may also provide such post-release

services to formerly incarcerated persons (ex-inmates) who have been released from a Department of Corrections' facility no more than one year before entry into the Ready4Work program. Eligibility for participation in the Ready4Work program is limited to inmates, offenders on community supervision, and recently released ex-inmates who are transitioning back into the communities and workforce of Duval, Clay, St. Johns, or Nassau counties. The department may request a budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, to transfer funding between Specific Appropriations 616, 628, 641, 726 and 766 in order to serve incarcerated inmates as well as persons under community corrections supervision.

and insert in lieu thereof:

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 750, \$1,175,000 in recurring general revenue funds is provided for Operation New Hope's Ready4Work reentry initiative. Operation New Hope will provide pre-release risk assessment, a plan-of-care, career development and life skills training, and referrals for incarcerated inmates who may be eligible for Ready4Work program services upon release. Operation New Hope will also provide post-release services including case management, career development and life skills training, life-coaching (mentoring), family reunification, and job placement assistance to offenders on community supervision. Operation New Hope may also provide such post-release services to formerly incarcerated persons (ex-inmates) who have been released from a Department of Corrections' facility no more than one year before entry into the Ready4Work program. Eligibility for participation in the Ready4Work program is limited to inmates, offenders on community supervision, and recently released ex-inmates who are transitioning back into the communities and workforce of Duval, Clay, St. Johns, or Nassau counties. The department may request a budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, to transfer funding between Specific Appropriations 616, 628, 641, 726 and 766 in order to serve incarcerated inmates as well as persons under community corrections supervision.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 750, \$50,000 in recurring general revenue funds is provided for the Gadsden County Jail Faith Behind Bars reentry program. The Gadsden County Jail Faith Behind Bars reentry program provides pre-release activities such as substance abuse counseling, anger management, employment skill, drug and alcohol awareness education, family counseling, job search training, GED preparation, and horticultural training. The reentry program partners with the Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce to connect inmates with employment opportunities following release.

Line item amendments are accepted as part of the amendatory process. However, due to the necessity of using computerized systems this may entail a different placement within a budget entity or the renumbering of the specific appropriation items.