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SENATE BILL 15-195

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING APPROPRIATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
102 MONEYS GENERATED AS SAVINGS FROM THE AWARDING OF  
103 ACHIEVEMENT EARNED TIME TO INMATES.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** Under current law, an offender who successfully completes a milestone or phase of an educational, vocational, therapeutic, or reentry program, or who demonstrates exceptional conduct that promotes the safety of correctional staff, volunteers, contractors, or other persons under the supervision of the department of corrections

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

(department), may be awarded as many as 60 days of achievement earned time per program milestone or phase or per instance of exceptional conduct, in addition to earned time that is otherwise authorized. The bill states that the general assembly shall appropriate any savings generated from the awarding of such achievement earned time to:

! The education subprogram, for academic and vocational programs to offenders; and

! The parole subprogram, for parole wrap-around services.

The appropriation must not exceed \$5 million in any fiscal year. In allocating the appropriated moneys to the parole subprogram, for parole wrap-around services, the department shall give priority to parole wrap-around services that are administered based on evidence-based practices.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-22.5-405, **add** (9)

3 (a.5) as follows:

4 **17-22.5-405. Earned time - earned release time - achievement**

5 **earned time.** (9) (a.5) (I) PURSUANT TO THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL

6 ASSEMBLY IN ENACTING HOUSE BILL 12-1223 DURING THE 2012 REGULAR

7 SESSION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE SAVINGS

8 GENERATED FROM THE ENACTMENT OF THIS SUBSECTION (9) TO:

9 (A) THE EDUCATION SUBPROGRAM, FOR ACADEMIC AND  
10 VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO OFFENDERS; AND

11 (B) THE PAROLE SUBPROGRAM, FOR PAROLE WRAP-AROUND  
12 SERVICES.

13 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF

14 THIS PARAGRAPH (a.5), THE APPROPRIATION DESCRIBED IN SAID

15 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) MUST NOT EXCEED FIVE MILLION DOLLARS IN ANY

16 FISCAL YEAR.

17 (III) IN ALLOCATING THE MONEYS APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO

18 SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (a.5),

1 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO PAROLE WRAP-AROUND  
2 SERVICES THAT ARE ADMINISTERED BASED ON EVIDENCE-BASED  
3 PRACTICES.

4 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
5 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
6 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly  
7 (August 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2015); except that,  
8 if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of  
9 the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
10 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
11 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
12 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
13 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.