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Overview

This bill appropriates an unspecified sum from the general fund to the Commissioner of Corrections for restorative justice program grants.

Section

1 Appropriation. Appropriates an unspecified sum from the general fund to the Commissioner of Corrections for restorative justice program grants. Directs the Commissioner to make grants to fund new as well as existing programs and to use a portion of the money to hire a staff person to provide training and technical assistance to volunteers who assist in the programs.

A "restorative justice program" is a program that provides a forum where offenders meet with the victim, community members, and others to discuss the impact of the offense on the victim and the community, provide support to the victim and methods for reintegrating the victim into community life, assign an appropriate sanction to the offender, and provide methods for reintegrating the offender into community life.