

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS & PUBLIC SAFETY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1608  
(Reference to Senate engrossed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Section 31-284, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 31-284. Transition program fund

5 A. The transition program fund is established consisting of the  
6 monies collected pursuant to section 31-254, subsection D, paragraph 3  
7 and subsection E, paragraph 3 and section 31-285, subsection C. The  
8 department shall administer the fund to pay for any costs related to the  
9 administration of the transition program and for transition program  
10 services. Monies in the fund are subject to legislative appropriation and  
11 are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190 relating to lapsing of  
12 appropriations.

13 B. ON JUNE 30 OF EACH YEAR, ANY REMAINING UNEXPENDED AND  
14 UNENCUMBERED MONIES IN THE TRANSITION PROGRAM FUND OF MORE THAN \$3,000,000  
15 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FUND ESTABLISHED BY  
16 SECTION 41-1610.03.

17 Sec. 2. Title 41, chapter 11, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
18 is amended by adding section 41-1610.03, to read:

19 41-1610.03. Transitional service grants; transitional housing  
20 fund; exemption; report

21 A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO  
22 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INCARCERATED BY  
23 HELPING PREPARE THEM FOR RELEASE AND TRANSITION BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY.  
24 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION MUST MEET ALL OF THE  
25 FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1           1. HAVE A VERIFIABLE RECORD OF MENTORING AT LEAST THREE THOUSAND  
2 INMATES WHILE THE INMATES WERE IN PRISON FOR AT LEAST A TWO-YEAR PERIOD.

3           2. USE THE GRANT MONIES FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY  
4 MENTORED BY THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION. TO RECEIVE RESOURCES FROM THE  
5 GRANT, INDIVIDUALS BEING RELEASED FROM PRISON MUST HAVE BEEN MENTORED FOR  
6 AT LEAST THREE MONTHS BY THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WHILE THE INDIVIDUAL  
7 WAS IN PRISON.

8           3. DEMONSTRATE THAT THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CAN PROVIDE  
9 INDIVIDUALS BEING RELEASED FROM PRISON WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

10           (a) UP TO TWO WEEKS OF HOUSING AT NO COST TO THE INDIVIDUAL, IF  
11 NECESSARY AS ASSESSED BY THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, AND UP TO SIX MONTHS  
12 OF HOUSING AT A REDUCED RATE.

13           (b) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, INCLUDING PEER SUPPORT AND CASE  
14 MANAGEMENT.

15           (c) ASSISTANCE WITH OBTAINING GOVERNMENT-ISSUED DOCUMENTS.

16           (d) WITHIN FOUR MONTHS AFTER RELEASE, ASSISTANCE WITH SECURING  
17 EMPLOYMENT THAT OFFERS HEALTH INSURANCE AND ASSISTANCE WITH DISENROLLING  
18 FROM THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM.

19           B. THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FUND IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF MONIES  
20 TRANSFERRED FROM THE TRANSITION PROGRAM FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION 31-284 AND  
21 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY  
22 APPROPRIATED. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE  
23 FUND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING  
24 OF APPROPRIATIONS. MONIES IN THE FUND SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AS GRANTS  
25 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

26           C. ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2024 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE  
27 DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
28 SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT INCLUDES ALL OF  
29 THE FOLLOWING FOR THE PRIOR YEAR:

30           1. THE NAMES OF THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT WERE AWARDED  
31 GRANTS.

1           2. THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE SERVED BY THE NONPROFIT  
2 ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH THE GRANT PROGRAM.

3           3. THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE SERVED BY THE NONPROFIT  
4 ORGANIZATIONS, WHO FOUND EMPLOYMENT THAT PROVIDES HEALTH INSURANCE AND WHO  
5 WERE DISENROLLED FROM THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM.

6           Sec. 3. Appropriation; transitional housing fund

7           A. The sum of \$10,000,000 is appropriated from the transition  
8 program fund established by section 31-284, Arizona Revised Statutes, as  
9 amended by this act, in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the transitional housing  
10 fund established by section 41-1610.03, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added  
11 by this act.

12           B. The monies pursuant to subsection A of this section shall be  
13 transferred on or before December 31, 2023."

14 Amend title to conform

And, as so amended, it do pass

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