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Section

1 **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$700,000 in fiscal year 2007 from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development (commissioner) for a grant to Correctional Transition Services, Inc. Provides that the grant shall be used to implement a pilot project focusing on offender reentry programs. Requires the project to develop statewide model programs to assist offenders transitioning from incarceration to the community in finding transitional housing and employment opportunities.

Specifies that, of the appropriation, \$350,000 must be used for transitional housing programs and \$350,000 must be used for employment opportunity programs.

Requires Correctional Transition Services to report to the commissioner by June 30, 2007, on the development of the pilot project and requires the commissioner to report to the legislature by November 1, 2007. Specifies that the commissioner's report must explain how grant proceeds were used and evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot project.

Makes this section effective July 1, 2006.