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House of Representatives
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Re: Tenn. Code Ann. §40-35-323(f) Report (December 2019)

Mr. Lt. Governor and Mr. Speaker:

Tenn. Code Ann. §40-35-323(f) requires a report be made to the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives relative to the grants awarded pursuant to Public Chapter 1051 (2018) and the results of the measureable outcomes agreed upon between the department and grant recipients. The legislation further required that the Department publish its regular reports on its website.

For its 2019 end-of-year report, the Department submits as follows:

- The Department issued a RFP to attract counties interested in late 2018.
- Grant awards were made in early spring 2019 with the grant winning counties being (1) Franklin, (2) Knox, (3) Dyer, and (4) the South Central Tennessee Workforce Alliance (SCTWA). For the SCTWA, the proposal partner is a Maury County Jail, but the alliance is a consortium of Wayne, Lawrence, Giles, Marshall, Maury, Lewis, Perry and Hickman counties.
- To date, grant fund draw down has been as follows:
 - Franklin County has drawn \$19,042 with a total remaining budget of \$230,958.
 - Knox County has drawn \$83,333 with a total remaining budget of \$166,667.
 - Dyer County has drawn \$187,500 with a total remaining budget of \$62,500.
 - SCTWA has drawn \$177,688 with a total remaining budget of \$73,312.
- Due to the date of the grant awards, results of the measurable outcomes are too early to report (offender return rate is a one year measurement and recidivism is a three year measurement); however, the agreed upon measurable outcomes for grant recipients are as follows:
 - Franklin County has chosen to focus on gainful offender employment by focusing its program efforts on moral reconnection therapy, job readiness training, victim impact programming, developing parenting skills, and substance use treatment.

- Knox County has chosen to focus on substance use treatment programming for offenders.
- Dyer County intends to use the grant award for expansion of successful male reentry program to include female offenders. Such expansion necessitates the need to infrastructure expansion and the County Sherriff is working with the County Commission on the project with outcome measurements to be tied to final project goals.
- SCTWA has chosen to focus on high school equivalency programming, developing parenting skills, anger management skills, gainful offender employment, and recovery programing.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Senate State & Local, Corrections Subcommittee Members
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