

Sponsors: Senators Steans-E. Jones-Dillard-Cullerton-Collins and Representatives Currie-Sacia-Collins-Lindner-M. Davis and -Reboletti

### **What This Bill Does:**

As amended, this bill includes the following:

- Removes “pilot” program language, establishing Redeploy Illinois as a policy initiative for the state and offers the services as an alternative where appropriate for delinquent youth.
- Allows the Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board to set aside a small amount of the appropriation for use by less populous counties to set up community-based services for a limited number of youth as an alternative to commitment to the Department of Juvenile Justice. Eligible counties for this limited allocation include those who committed fewer than 10 non-violent youth to the Department of Juvenile Justice on average over the previous 3 years.
- Establishes a subcommittee to review individualized agreements with those counties.
- Clarifies the membership of the Oversight Board to reflect a public/private collaboration.

### **Background:**

The purpose of Redeploy Illinois [(P.A. 93-0641) December 2003] is to create financial incentives to keep youth in the local community rather than commit them to the Department of Juvenile Justice. According to the current statute, each pilot site is required to reduce juvenile commitments of non-violent offenders to the Department of Juvenile Justice by 25% in one year.

There are currently five Redeploy sites: Second Judicial District (includes 12 counties in Southern Illinois), Macon County, Peoria County, St. Clair County, and Cook County (Cook added in 2008).

Five new sites have been added in FY2009: Kankakee County, Lee County, Madison County, McLean County and the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit (includes Montgomery, Christian, and Marion Counties). This legislation will expand the number of counties which can get Redeploy dollars. Additional funding for

Redeploy will also enable targeting additional counties to participate that commit the highest number of youth to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

### **Results from Redeploy Illinois:**

- The reduction of commitments during the first three years of implementation exceeded the target. The number of youth diverted from the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ) from the four initial Redeploy Illinois pilot sites represents a 51% reduction of commitments from those communities, or 382 fewer youth.
- According to the latest published report from the Department of Human Services, the “cost avoidance of the initiative for the State of Illinois is \$18.7 million.” The November, 2008 report further notes that “it is estimated that for every dollar spent on Redeploy, there is a potential savings of \$4.”
- Redeploy received an appropriation through the Department of Human Services of \$2 million in FY2005, \$1.5 million in FY2006, \$2.295 million in FY2007, and \$2.295 million in FY2008. In FY2009, \$3.229 million has been appropriated.
- The latest reported per capita cost to incarcerate one juvenile in the Department of Juvenile Justice is almost \$71,000. While the four initial pilot sites are providing different types of services to meet their population needs, the range of costs to serve youth in the Redeploy pilot sites is approximately \$2,500 - \$9,500 per youth annually for services.

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