

5537-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections
(originally sponsored by Senators Stevens, Rasmussen, Zarelli,
Brown, Morton and Oke)

Brief Title: Providing transitional employment services for
ex-offenders.

SB 5537-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to expand transitional employment services
for ex-offenders through community-based organizations.

Directs the employment security department to provide, subject
to available funds, transitional employment services to eligible
offenders. Transitional employment services may include: (1)
Skill identification;

(2) job finding techniques;

(3) supportive services necessary for offenders to obtain or
retain jobs;

(4) job referrals and direct placement; and

(5) facilitating employment upgrades after initial placements.

Requires an ongoing evaluation of the program.

Makes an appropriation of one million three hundred thousand
dollars from the administrative contingency fund to the employment
security department for the purposes of providing transitional
employment services to ex-offenders through the ex-offender work
orientation program.