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Sponsor(s): Senators Stevens, Rasmussen, Zarelli, Brown, Morton and Oke

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

SB 5537 - DIGEST

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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.

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.