Senate Bill 974 (as introduced 5-19-16)
Sponsor: Senator Tonya Schuitmaker
Committee: Michigan Competitiveness

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Community Corrections Act to define "recidivism" as the rearrest, reconviction, and reincarceration in prison or jail of an individual within three and five years of his or her release from incarceration, placement on probation, or conviction, whichever is later, and probation and parole violations as well as misdemeanor and felony convictions, if recidivism data regarding technical probation and parole violations are collected and maintained separately from data on new felony or misdemeanor convictions.

The Act creates the Office of Community Corrections within the Department of Corrections, and creates the State Community Corrections Advisory Board within the Office. The responsibilities of the Board include adopting a variety of key performance indicators that promote offender success, ensure the effective monitoring of offenders, and evaluate community corrections programs. At least one of the key performance measures must be recidivism, and there may be multiple recidivism measures to account for accessibility to state and national databases, local ability to collect data, and the resources needed to collect the data.

The Act defines "key performance indicator" as a measure that captures the performance of a critical variable to expand and promote community-based corrections programs to promote offender success, ensure accountability, enhance public safety, and reduce recidivism.

The bill would take effect 90 days after enactment.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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