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Bill Analysis

SB 1298 directs the Department of Corrections to develop a comprehensive reentry program that will assist offenders with reentry into society upon release from incarceration. The measure states that the program may include social and behavioral programs, substance abuse counseling, mentoring programs, financial planning, physical and mental health programs, and housing and federal assistance programs in addition to educational and vocational programs. Offenders who complete the program may apply for a certificate of rehabilitation to the district court of within which the offender was convicted. The measure outlines the contents of the application.

The Department shall develop eligibility criteria to apply for the certificate and maintain a database that identifies granted certificates and revoked certificates, but under no circumstances will a person convicted of a violent crime be eligible for the certificate. The certificate shall symbolize the progress the offender has made towards reentry into society. Courts receiving an application for the certificate are directed to notify the county's district attorney that the application has been filed.

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