

# Colorado Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice

# FY2010 RECOMMENDATION/FY10-S02 DEMONSTRATION PROJECT: INTERMEDIATE SANCTIONS FOR ESCAPE FILINGS

Status: Implementation Unknown

## **Actions/Updates**

### **2023 UPDATE (JUNE)**

During the FY 2023 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 2023-158 to reauthorize the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) was postponed indefinitely on May 7, 2023. Therefore, with the sunset of the Commission, all activities of the CCJJ ceased on June 30, 2023.

No further monitoring of CCJJ recommendations will occur.

#### 2012 - 2022 UPDATE

The implementation of this study has not occurred.

# **Description**

Study in designated pilot sites the viability of responding to offenders who abscond from a community corrections halfway house or Intensive Supervision Parole (inmate status) by imposing on those offenders intermediate sanctions instead of escape filings. Data from the pilot sites would be combined with community corrections escape data to determine whether intermediate sanctions appear to be safe and effective in the management of offenders who walk away from halfway houses.

# **Agencies Responsible**

#### Discussion

Anecdotal evidence suggests that many community corrections offenders in Colorado impulsively fail to return from work, job searches, or a recreational pass, but few commit new crimes. This study will track the outcomes of offenders in the determined pilot sites. Further, some policy makers believe that the consequences for this behavior—a mandatory prison sentence for a protracted duration—may influence offenders to remain at-large. The study also will explore this issue.