

Legislator Says Early Release Has Been Failure

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So, those couple hundred inmates released early from Wisconsin prisons should make a big impact on the state's budget. That was the idea, anyway, behind the early release program adopted this year as part of a budget shaving plan for the state's corrections department. But virtually no savings have been realized by the plan, says West Salem state rep, Mike Huebsch. He says all the program has done has put communities in danger from those getting released early from prison.

Huebsch also criticizes the program because the Department of Corrections doesn't have a good grasp of how many get released early, only to wind up back in the court system shortly after.