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AN ACT

To repeal section 217.015, RSMo 2000, relating to the department of corrections, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 217.015, RSMo 2000, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 217.015, to read as follows:

217.015. 1. The department shall supervise and manage all correctional centers, and probation and parole of the state of Missouri.

2. The department shall be composed of the following divisions:

(1) The division of human services;

(2) The division of adult institutions;

(3) The board of probation and parole; and

(4) The division of offender rehabilitative services.

3. Each division may be subdivided by the director into such sections, bureaus, or offices as is necessary to carry out the duties assigned by law.

4. The department shall operate a women offender program to be supervised by a director of women's programs. The purpose of the women offender program shall be to ensure that female offenders are provided a continuum of supervision strategies and program services reflecting best practices for female probationers, prisoners and parolees in areas including but not limited to classification, diagnostic processes, facilities, medical and mental health care, child custody and visitation.

5. There shall be an advisory committee under the direction of the director of women's programs. The members of the committee shall include the director of the office of women's health, the director of the department of mental health or a designee and four

19 **others appointed by the director of the department of corrections. The committee shall**
20 **address the needs of women in the criminal justice system as they are affected by the**
21 **changes in their community, family concerns, the judicial system and the organization and**
22 **available resources of the department of corrections.**