

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Special Committee on Criminal Justice

This bill specifies that the Director of the Department of Corrections must ensure that tampons and sanitary napkins are available for free to offenders while they are confined in any of the department's correctional centers. The director must ensure that the products conform with applicable industry standards. Additionally, every sheriff and jailer who holds a person in custody pursuant to a writ or process for a criminal offense must ensure that tampons and sanitary napkins are available for free to such person in custody, in a quantity that is appropriate for the health care needs of the person. The sheriff or jailer must ensure that the products conform with applicable industry standards.

The bill also specifies that an inmate or offender in the third trimester of a pregnancy or throughout an at-risk pregnancy may be considered for a medical furlough to receive medical care outside the correctional center or jail if the chief medical administrator or a physician verifies that the medical care rendered to the inmate outside the correctional center or jail is sufficient for the health care needs of the inmate or offender and her unborn child. A probation or parole officer must develop a plan of community supervision for when the inmate is outside the correctional center on furlough status. The furlough status may be revoked at any time for noncompliance with the conditions of the furlough.

The bill also specifies procedures county and city jails must follow when restraining pregnant offenders in their third trimester of pregnancy or offenders within 48 hours postpartum. By September 1, 2019, all county and city jails must develop policies and practices, specified in the bill, for the intake and care of pregnant offenders.