

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill
2 No. 834, Page 12, Section 217.947, Line 9, by inserting after said section and line the following:

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4 "217.1020. 1. The department of corrections shall be nationally accredited by an accrediting agency
5 of the department's choice.

6 2. There is hereby established the "Department of Corrections Review Committee", which shall
7 consist of ten members as follows:

8 (1) Three members of the house of representatives, two appointed by the speaker of the house of
9 representatives and one appointed by the minority floor leader of the house of representatives;

10 (2) Three members of the senate, two appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate and one
11 appointed by the minority floor leader of the senate;

12 (3) The director of the department of corrections or his or her designee;

13 (4) One employee of the department of corrections;

14 (5) One member of the public at large; and

15 (6) One member who has been incarcerated with the department of corrections but has been released
16 from department custody for at least seven years, is not on probation, and has not committed any new
17 offense.

18 3. The members of the review committee, other than the members from the general assembly, shall
19 be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. A chair of the review committee
20 shall be selected by the members of the review committee. Of the members first appointed to the review
21 committee by the governor, two members shall serve a term of two years, two members shall serve a term of
22 one year, and thereafter, members shall serve a term of two years. Members shall continue to serve until their
23 successor is duly appointed and qualified. Any vacancy on the review committee shall be filled in the same
24 manner as the original appointment. Members shall serve on the review committee without compensation but
25 may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses from moneys appropriated to the department of
26 corrections for that purpose. The review committee shall meet on at least four occasions annually, including
27 at least two before the end of December of the first year the review committee is established. The department
28 of corrections shall submit a report to the committee at least four times annually detailing the department's
29 progress on achieving accreditation. The committee shall allow for public testimony, at its discretion, based
30 on its review of the department's report. Meetings may be held by telephone or video conference at the
31 discretion of the review committee.

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1 4. Upon creation of the review committee, the department of corrections shall perform an initial
2 assessment of the department and report such assessment to the review committee. During the assessment,
3 the department shall also be required to do, at a minimum, the following:
4 (1) Investigate complaints related to incarcerated persons' health, safety, welfare, and rights;
5 (2) Identify issues within the department of corrections. Such issues may include, but are not limited
6 to, the following:
7 (a) Sanitation in prison facilities;
8 (b) Access to proper nutrition and a clean and adequate water supply;
9 (c) Livable temperatures in prison facilities;
10 (d) Physical or sexual abuse from fellow inmates;
11 (e) Physical or sexual abuse from department of corrections staff or contractors;
12 (f) Credible threats against an inmate from other inmates, prison staff, or contractors;
13 (g) Neglect of prison staff or contractors that results in physical or sexual trauma;
14 (h) Denial of rights afforded to inmates under federal or state law;
15 (i) Access to visitation and communication with family and legal representation; and
16 (j) Any instance in which the review committee determines an action or behavior to be such that it
17 constitutes abuse or neglect against an inmate;
18 (3) Monitor and ensure compliance with relevant statutes, rules, and policies regarding the treatment
19 of inmates under the jurisdiction of the department of correction;
20 (4) Collect and analyze data related to complaints received by the department and data related to the
21 following:
22 (a) Deaths, suicides, and suicide attempts in custody;
23 (b) Physical and sexual assaults in custody;
24 (c) Number of people placed in administrative segregation or solitary confinement, and duration of
25 stay in confinement;
26 (d) Number of facility lock-downs lasting longer than twenty-four hours;
27 (e) Number of staff vacancies at each facility;
28 (f) Inmate-to-staff ratios at each facility;
29 (g) Staff tenure and turnover; and
30 (h) Number of in-person visits to inmates that were made and denied at each facility; and
31 (5) Monitor all decisions of the parole board.
32 5. Upon completion of the accrediting agency's assessment, the review committee shall make the
33 assessment report document available to the general assembly. At least annually, the department of
34 corrections shall provide documentation of its ongoing compliance with the accreditation standards"; and
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36 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.