
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO OFFENDER REENTRY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Section 353H-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[~~§~~353H-3~~]~~ **Offender reentry system plan; creation.**

(a) The department of public safety shall develop a comprehensive and effective offender reentry system plan for adult offenders exiting the prison system. The department of public safety shall collaborate with the department of human services to review, periodically update, and implement the plan, as needed.

(b) The department of public safety shall develop comprehensive reentry plans and curricula for individuals exiting correctional facilities in order to reduce recidivism and increase a person's successful reentry into the community. The department of public safety shall collaborate with the department of human services to review, periodically update, and implement the reentry plans and curricula. The reentry plans and curricula shall include[7] but not be limited to:



- 1 (1) Adopting an operational philosophy that considers that
2 offender reentry begins on the day an offender enters
3 the correctional system. Each offender entering the
4 system shall be assessed to determine the offender's
5 needs in order to assist the individual offender with
6 developing the skills necessary to be successful in
7 the community;
- 8 (2) Providing appropriate programs, including[7] but not
9 limited to[7] education, substance abuse treatment,
10 cognitive skills development, vocational and
11 employment training, and other programs that help to
12 meet the assessed needs of each individual;
- 13 (3) Developing a comprehensive network of transitional
14 programs to address the needs of individuals exiting
15 the correctional system;
- 16 (4) Ensuring that all reentry programs are gender-
17 responsive;
- 18 (5) Issuing requests for proposals from community-based
19 nonprofit programs with experience with offenders in
20 the area of reentry; [and]



- 1 (6) Instituting model reentry programs for adult
- 2 offenders[-]; and
- 3 (7) Offering the following services and assistance to
- 4 individuals exiting the correctional system:
- 5 (A) Helping offenders obtain proper identification
- 6 and health care coverage, such as medicaid;
- 7 (B) Providing job search training, including
- 8 interview skills and resume preparation;
- 9 (C) Scheduling a minimum of one mandatory meeting
- 10 between the offender, a representative of the
- 11 department of human services, and the offender's
- 12 parole officer;
- 13 (D) Scheduling a minimum of one mandatory meeting
- 14 between the offender, a representative of the
- 15 department of human services, and a family member
- 16 or responsible party who will assist the offender
- 17 when released, if available; and
- 18 (E) Providing contact numbers for support services,
- 19 such as the supplemental nutrition assistance
- 20 program, that might be needed after an individual
- 21 exits the correctional system."



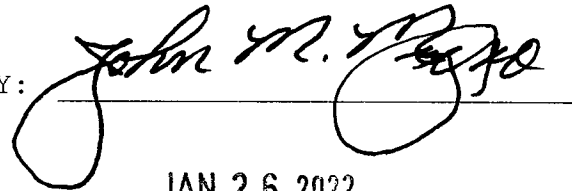
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1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Offender Reentry; DHS; DPS; Offender Reentry System Plan

Description:

Requires the department of public safety to collaborate with the department of human services to review, periodically update, and implement the offender reentry system plan, as needed, and review, periodically update, and implement the reentry plans and curricula for adult offenders exiting the prison system.

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