

Amend **CSSB 909** by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill as appropriate:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subtitle E, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 115 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 115. CENTER FOR CORRECTIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROMOTION

Sec. 115.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "center" means the Center for Correctional Public Health and Health Promotion.

Sec. 115.002. SUNSET PROVISION. The Center for Correctional Public Health and Health Promotion is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the center is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2019.

Sec. 115.003. COMPOSITION OF GOVERNING BOARD. (a) The governing board of the center is composed of:

(1) the administrative head of the following agencies or that person's designee:

(A) the Department of State Health Services; and

(B) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; and

(2) the following members appointed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice:

(A) a representative of a county correctional department;

(B) a correctional health care worker;

(C) a representative of an organization that represents inmates; and

(D) a representative from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

(b) Members of the governing board of the center appointed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice serve staggered two-year terms, with the terms of two members expiring on February 1 of each year.

Sec. 115.004. CENTER FOR CORRECTIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROMOTION. The Center for Correctional Public Health and Health Promotion shall be based at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

Sec. 115.005. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The center shall focus its efforts at preventing and reducing communicable diseases in inmate populations at correctional facilities and in those populations that are most likely to come in contact with inmates in a correctional environment.

(b) The center shall emphasize preventive programs that emphasize risk situations and risk behaviors.

(c) In developing and implementing programs under this chapter, the center:

(1) shall work with state and local correctional health agencies, including providers of correctional health care and the public health section of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice health services division; and

(2) may work with the American Correctional Association, the American Correctional Health Services Association, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and organizations representing inmates.

(d) The center shall:

(1) develop and implement preventive education and risk reduction programs;

(2) perform behavioral interventions;

(3) perform health screenings and provide early intervention or care;

(4) provide immunizations where available;

(5) assess the cost-effectiveness of interventions and demonstration projects;

(6) assess the impact of correctional programs on community health;

(7) provide graduate and continuing education in correctional public health and infectious diseases;

(8) evaluate demonstration projects in correctional institutions and disseminate the results; and

(9) carry out joint research projects with correctional administrations.

(e) The center shall carry out research and training, with specific funded fellowship positions being available for correctional staff to spend a semester or longer or to undertake

graduate education in the area within the center.

(f) Not later than September 1 of each year, the center shall file a report with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the legislature, and the governor, containing the center's policy recommendations for preventing and reducing communicable diseases in inmate populations at correctional facilities and in those populations that are most likely to come in contact with inmates in a correctional environment.

Sec. 115.006. EMPLOYEES OF CENTER. The center shall employ full-time and part-time faculty members of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. The faculty members must have research interests in issues relating to public health and disease prevention in correctional institutions, including:

(1) HIV, sexually transmitted diseases, hepatitis B and C, and tuberculosis;

(2) substance abuse;

(3) health promotion and health education;

(4) program evaluation;

(5) health policy;

(6) criminology and criminal justice;

(7) correctional health care and treatment; or

(8) other relevant areas.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Not later than December 1, 2007, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall appoint members to the governing board of the Center for Correctional Public Health and Health Promotion as required by Section 115.003, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act. In making the initial appointments to the governing board, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall designate two members for terms expiring February 1, 2008, and two members for terms expiring February 1, 2009.