

Amend CSHB 1711 (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) On page 4 of the bill, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

Sec. 501.098. REENTRY TASK FORCE. (a) The department by rule shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the following entities to establish a reentry task force in the office of the governor:

(1) the Texas Youth Commission;

(2) the Texas Workforce Commission;

(3) the Department of Public Safety;

(4) the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs;

(5) the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments;

(6) the Health and Human Services Commission;

(7) the Texas Judicial Council; and

(8) an organization selected by the department that advocates for or provides reentry or reintegration services to offenders following their release or discharge from a correctional facility.

(b) The reentry task force established under Subsection (a) may:

(1) identify gaps in services for offenders following their release or discharge to rural or urban communities in the areas of employment, housing, substance abuse treatment, medical care, and any other areas in which the offenders need special services; and

(2) coordinate with providers of existing local reentry and reintegration programs, including programs operated by a municipality or county, to make recommendations regarding the provision of comprehensive services to offenders following their release or discharge to rural or urban communities.

(2) On page 4, line 16, strike "501.098" and substitute "501.099".

(3) On page 5, line 4, strike "501.099" and substitute "501.100".

(4) On page 5, line 8, strike "501.098" and substitute

"501.099".

(5) On page 5, line 16, between "(a)" and "Not later than", insert the following:

As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall enter into a memorandum of understanding as required by Section 501.098, Government Code, as added by this Act.

(b)

(6) On page 5, line 18, strike "501.098" and substitute "501.099".

(7) On page 5, line 20, strike "(b)" and substitute "(c)".