

# SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Turner of Harris, Guillen, Martinez,  
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H.B. No. 1711

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to establish a comprehensive reentry and reintegration plan for offenders released or discharged from a correctional facility.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 495, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 495.028 to read as follows:

Sec. 495.028. IMPLEMENTATION OF REENTRY AND REINTEGRATION PLAN. (a) The department may contract and coordinate with private vendors, units of local government, or other entities to implement the comprehensive reentry and reintegration plan developed under Section 501.092, including contracting to:

(1) coordinate the supervision and services provided to offenders in correctional facilities with any supervision or services provided to offenders who have been released or discharged from the correctional facility;

(2) provide offenders awaiting release or discharge with documents that are necessary after release or discharge, including identification papers, medical prescriptions, job training certificates, and referrals to services; and

(3) provide housing and structured programs, including group homes for recovering substance abusers, through which offenders are provided services immediately following release or discharge.

1        (b) To ensure accountability, any contract entered into  
2 under this section must contain specific performance measures that  
3 the department shall use to evaluate compliance with the terms of  
4 the contract.

5        SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 501, Government Code, is  
6 amended by adding Sections 501.091, 501.092, 501.098, 501.099, and  
7 501.100 to read as follows:

8        Sec. 501.091. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

9                (1) "Correctional facility" means a facility operated  
10 by or under contract with the department.

11                (2) "Offender" means an inmate or state jail defendant  
12 confined in a correctional facility.

13        Sec. 501.092. COMPREHENSIVE REENTRY AND REINTEGRATION PLAN  
14 FOR OFFENDERS. (a) The department shall develop a comprehensive  
15 plan to reduce recidivism and ensure the successful reentry and  
16 reintegration of offenders into the community following an  
17 offender's release or discharge from a correctional facility.

18                (b) The reentry and reintegration plan developed under this  
19 section must provide for:

20                (1) an assessment of each offender entering a  
21 correctional facility to determine which skills the offender needs  
22 to develop to be successful in the community following release or  
23 discharge;

24                (2) programs that address the assessed needs of each  
25 offender;

26                (3) a comprehensive network of transition programs to  
27 address the needs of offenders released or discharged from a

1 correctional facility;

2 (4) the identification of providers of existing local  
3 programs and transitional services with whom the department may  
4 contract under Section 495.028 to implement the reentry and  
5 reintegration plan; and

6 (5) subject to Subsection (c), the sharing of  
7 information between local coordinators, persons with whom the  
8 department contracts under Section 495.028, and other providers of  
9 services as necessary to adequately assess and address the needs of  
10 each offender.

11 (c) An offender's personal health information may be  
12 disclosed under Subsection (b)(5) only if:

13 (1) the offender consents to the disclosure; and

14 (2) the disclosure does not violate the Health  
15 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (Pub. L. No.  
16 104-191) or other state or federal law.

17 (d) The programs provided under Subsections (b)(2) and (3)  
18 must:

19 (1) be implemented by highly skilled staff who are  
20 experienced in working with inmate reentry and reintegration  
21 programs;

22 (2) provide offenders with:

23 (A) individualized case management and a full  
24 continuum of care;

25 (B) life-skills training, including information  
26 about budgeting, money management, nutrition, and exercise;

27 (C) education and, if an offender has a learning

1 disability, special education;

2 (D) employment training;

3 (E) appropriate treatment programs, including  
4 substance abuse and mental health treatment programs; and

5 (F) parenting and relationship building classes;

6 and

7 (3) be designed to build for former offenders  
8 post-release and post-discharge support from the community into  
9 which an offender is released or discharged, including support from  
10 agencies and organizations within that community.

11 (e) In developing the reentry and reintegration plan under  
12 this section, the department shall ensure that the reentry program  
13 for long-term inmates under Section 501.096 and the reintegration  
14 services provided under Section 501.097 are incorporated into the  
15 plan.

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

20 (1) the Texas Youth Commission;

21 (2) the Texas Workforce Commission;

22 (3) the Department of Public Safety;

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

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

27 (6) the Health and Human Services Commission;

1           (7) the Texas Judicial Council; and

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

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

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

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

18           Sec. 501.099. FAMILY UNITY AND PARTICIPATION. (a) The  
19 department shall adopt and implement policies that encourage family  
20 unity while an offender is confined and family participation in an  
21 offender's post-release or post-discharge transition to the  
22 community. In adopting the policies, the department shall consider  
23 the impact of department telephone, mail, and visitation policies  
24 on the ability of an offender's child to maintain ongoing contact  
25 with the offender.

26           (b) The department, when determining in which correctional  
27 facility to house an offender, shall consider the best interest of

1 the offender's family and, if possible, house the offender in, or in  
2 proximity to, the county in which the offender's family resides.

3 (c) The department shall conduct and coordinate research  
4 that examines the impact of an offender's confinement on the  
5 well-being of the offender's child.

6 Sec. 501.100. RECIDIVISM STUDY; REPORT. (a) The  
7 department shall conduct and coordinate research to determine  
8 whether the comprehensive reentry and reintegration plan developed  
9 under Section 501.092 and the policies adopted under Section  
10 501.099 to encourage family unity and participation reduce  
11 recidivism rates.

12 (b) Not later than September 1 of each even-numbered year,  
13 the department shall deliver a report of the results of research  
14 conducted or coordinated under Subsection (a) to the lieutenant  
15 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the  
16 standing committees of each house of the legislature with primary  
17 jurisdiction over criminal justice and corrections.

18 SECTION 3. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective  
19 date of this Act, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall  
20 enter into a memorandum of understanding as required by Section  
21 501.098, Government Code, as added by this Act.

22 (b) Not later than January 1, 2010, the Texas Department of  
23 Criminal Justice shall adopt and implement the policies required by  
24 Section 501.099, Government Code, as added by this Act.

25 (c) Not later than January 1, 2010, the Texas Department of  
26 Criminal Justice shall develop and implement the comprehensive  
27 reentry and reintegration plan for offenders as required by Section

1 501.092, Government Code, as added by this Act.

2           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

**ADOPTED**

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

MAY 20 2009

*Atty Gen*  
Secretary of the Senate

BY: *Ogd*

1 Amend HB1711 by adding the following appropriately  
2 numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS  
3 of the bill appropriately:

4 SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. This Act does not make an appropriation.  
5 This Act takes effect only if a specific appropriation for the  
6 implementation of the Act is provided in a general  
7 appropriations act of the 81st Legislature.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1

BY: *John W. ...*

1 Amend HB 1711 as follows:

2 On page 4 line 16 after the word "department", insert "shall  
3 coordinate the work of the task force with the Office of Court  
4 Administration, and"

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6 On page 4 line 18 after the word "force" insert ":", and strike  
7 the following language on lines 18-19, "~~in the office of the~~  
8 ~~governor.~~"

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10 On page 2 line 20, strike "~~each offender~~" and insert "offenders"  
11 and on page 2 line 24, strike "~~each offender~~" and insert  
12 "offenders";

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 20, 2009**

**TO:** Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1711** by Turner, Sylvester (Relating to requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to establish a comprehensive reentry and reintegration plan for offenders released or discharged from a correctional facility. ), **As Passed 2nd House**

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The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

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measures to evaluate compliance with the terms of the contract.

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The bill would require TDCJ to coordinate the work of the task force with the Office of Court Administration and enter into a memorandum of understanding with certain entities to establish a reentry task force. The purpose of the task force would include identifying gaps in services for offenders and coordinating efforts with providers of existing local reentry and reintegration programs.

### **Methodology**

It is assumed the bill is requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to develop a reentry and reintegration plan, which requires individualized case management, and not the expansion of treatment programs. TDCJ estimates the cost of implementing the provisions of the bill to be approximately \$4,251,008 in salaries (salaries for 128 additional full-time equivalent positions at \$33,211 each), \$1,214,513 in benefits (benefits for each position at 28.57 percent), and \$915,376 in operating expenses. The total cost for implementing the provisions of the bill would be \$6,380,897 in fiscal year 2010 and \$6,380,897 in each subsequent fiscal year.

### **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 696 Department of Criminal Justice

**LBB Staff:** JOB, ESi, SDO, LM, TMP, GG

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

Austin, Texas

**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 7, 2009**

**TO:** Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1711** by Turner, Sylvester ( Relating to requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to establish a comprehensive reentry and reintegration plan for offenders released or discharged from a correctional facility.), **Committee Report 2nd House, As Amended**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 4, 2009**

**TO:** Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1711** by Turner, Sylvester (Relating to requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to establish a comprehensive reentry and reintegration plan for offenders released or discharged from a correctional facility.), **As Engrossed**

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 27, 2009**

**TO:** Honorable Jim McReynolds, Chair, House Committee on Corrections

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1711** by Turner, Sylvester (Relating to requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to establish a comprehensive reentry and reintegration plan for offenders released or discharged from a correctional facility. ), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB1711, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$12,761,794) through the biennium ending August 31, 2011.

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
Austin, Texas

**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 8, 2009**

**TO:** Honorable Jim McReynolds, Chair, House Committee on Corrections

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1711** by Turner, Sylvester (Relating to requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to establish a comprehensive reentry and reintegration plan for offenders released or discharged from a correctional facility.), **As Introduced**

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
Austin, Texas

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT STATEMENT**

**81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 6, 2009**

**TO:** Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1711** by Turner, Sylvester ( Relating to requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to establish a comprehensive reentry and reintegration plan for offenders released or discharged from a correctional facility.), **Committee Report 2nd House, As Amended**

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**LBB Staff:** JOB, TMP

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
Austin, Texas

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