

Amend CSHB 1, Article V, page V-11, Strategy C.1.5., Department of Criminal Justice by adding the Inmate Package Program. The Department shall institute an inmate package program to allow family members and friends to purchase and ship gifts to inmates through authorized vendors. The program shall be open to all qualified vendors who can demonstrate the proper package security and background checks of employees.

(a) Qualified vendors must agree to dedicate a percent of all purchases made through the inmate package program to the credit of the State's General Fund. The percent will be determined by the Texas Board of Criminal Justice.

(b) No later than September 1, 2011, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall institute the inmate package program.