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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

1 Amend C.S. S.B. No. 213 (house committee printing) by  
2 adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and  
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter C, Chapter 501, Government Code,  
5 is amended by adding Section 501.0971 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 501.0971. PROVISION OF REENTRY AND REINTEGRATION  
7 INFORMATION TO INMATES. (a) The department shall identify  
8 organizations that provide reentry and reintegration resource  
9 guides and shall collaborate with those organizations to make the  
10 resource guides available to all inmates. At a minimum, the  
11 department shall collaborate with:

12 (1) nonprofit entities that specialize in criminal  
13 justice issues;

14 (2) faith-based organizations; and

15 (3) organizations that:

16 (A) offer pro bono legal services to inmates; or

17 (B) are composed of the families and friends of  
18 inmates.

19 (b) The department shall make the resource guides available  
20 in the Windham School District libraries and in each of the  
21 following areas of a correctional facility:

22 (1) law libraries;

23 (2) peer educator classrooms;

24 (3) chapels;

25 (4) reintegration specialist offices; and

26 (5) any area or classroom that is used by the  
27 department for the purpose of providing information about reentry  
28 to inmates.

29 (c) The department shall make available a sufficient number

1 of copies of the resource guides to ensure that each inmate is able  
2 to access a resource guide in a timely manner.

3 (d) The department shall identify organizations described  
4 by Subsections (a)(1) through (3) that provide information  
5 described by Subsection (e) and shall collaborate with those  
6 organizations to compile county-specific information packets for  
7 inmates. The department shall provide a county-specific  
8 information packet to an inmate not less than six months before the  
9 inmate will discharge the inmate's sentence or as soon as  
10 practicable before releasing the inmate on parole, mandatory  
11 supervision, or conditional pardon.

12 (e) At the minimum, a county-specific packet described by  
13 Subsection (d) must include, for the applicable county:

14 (1) contact information, including telephone numbers,  
15 e-mail addresses, physical locations, and mailing addresses, as  
16 applicable, of:

17 (A) workforce offices, housing options, places  
18 of worship, support groups, peer-to-peer counseling groups, and  
19 other relevant organizations or agencies as determined by the  
20 department and the collaborating organization;

21 (B) agencies and organizations that offer  
22 emergency assistance, such as food and clothing banks, temporary  
23 bus passes, low-cost medical assistance, and overnight and  
24 temporary housing; and

25 (C) agencies and organizations that offer mental  
26 health counseling; and

27 (2) information necessary for the inmate to apply for  
28 governmental assistance or benefits, including Medicaid, social  
29 security benefits, or nutritional assistance programs under  
30 Chapter 33, Human Resources Code.