

\*\* REVISION \*\*

**SENATE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice  
TIME & DATE: 1:30 PM, Tuesday, May 17, 2016  
PLACE: E1.016 (Hearing Room)  
CHAIR: Senator John Whitmire

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The committee will meet to hear invited and public testimony on interim charges:

3. review current programs provided by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and the Windham School for incarcerated persons to prepare them for re-entry, including inmates in administrative segregation. Examine opportunities for incarcerated persons once they are released and make recommendations to expand successful programs to provide resources and support for released inmates. Assess the success of Certified Peer Support Services. Continue to monitor the Darrington Seminary Program. Study the continuity of care for individuals released from TDCJ, the Windham School, and county and municipal jails and make recommendations if needed;
4. examine the success of current pretrial diversion and treatment programs in Texas and in other states. Make recommendations on best practices and how to implement and expand these programs in Texas to maximize effective use of resources and reduce populations in jails;
5. study how bulk criminal records are disseminated. Review the list of entities with access to and their current use of criminal records. Make recommendations to streamline the dissemination of records through bulk requests to ensure accuracy and limit inappropriate use of records; and
6. review costs family members incur to maintain contact with an incarcerated family member. Make recommendations to promote familial contact and relationships for incarcerated individuals. Review visitation practices across the state in determining effective and appropriate methods of maintaining familial contact for incarcerated individuals.

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\*\* See Committee Coordinator for previous versions of the schedule \*\*