

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Corrections

TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Wednesday, August 10, 2022

PLACE: E2.016

CHAIR: Rep. Andrew Murr

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The Corrections Committee will meet in a public hearing and hear invited and public testimony to consider the following interim charge:

Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 87th Legislature. Conduct active oversight of all associated rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure the intended legislative outcome of all legislation, including the following:

- HB 30, relating to educational programs provided by the Windham School District for certain inmates;
- HB 385, relating to conditions of community supervision and procedures applicable to the reduction or termination of a defendant's period of community supervision; and
- HB 3227 (86R), relating to the availability of and access to certain programs and services for persons in the custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Examine the implementation of HB 3130 (85R), which established an educational and vocational training program for certain state jail felony defendants to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes upon reentry.

Evaluate the benefits and potential savings associated with modernizing technology throughout the state's correctional system. Consider updating regulations related to cell phone monitoring, body cameras, and video surveillance systems.

Evaluate current family visitation rooms and visitation-related practices, programs, and services in TDCJ facilities. Make recommendations regarding any additional measures that TDCJ could take to make visitation more family friendly.

For individuals in TDCJ facilities, or on community supervision or parole, examine:

- The availability of behavioral health services; and
- The current treatment and recovery options available for those who

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are experiencing withdrawal from drug or alcohol use.

Public Testimony will be limited to three (3) minutes per person.

Electronic public comment will be available for:

- Implementation of HB 30.
- Implementation of HB 385.
- Implementation of HB 3227 from the 86th.
- Implementation of HB 3130 from the 85th.
- Modernizing of technology throughout the state's corrections system.
- Family visitation rooms and related practices.
- Behavioral health services, treatment, and recovery options.
- Monitor the agencies & programs under the Committee's jurisdiction.

For those persons who will be testifying, information for in-person witness registration, can be found here:

<https://mytxlegis.capitol.texas.gov/HWRSPublic/About.aspx>

A live video broadcast of this hearing will be available here:

<https://house.texas.gov/video-audio/>

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<https://house.texas.gov/committees/public-access-house-committee-meetings/>

Texas residents who wish to electronically submit comments related to agenda items on this notice without testifying in person can do so until the hearing is adjourned by visiting:

<https://comments.house.texas.gov/?c=c200>

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