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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to corrections; revising American Indian cultural programming services;

1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 241.80.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 241.80, is amended to read:

1.6 **241.80 AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURAL PROGRAM.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Authority.** The commissioner of corrections shall develop a policy to

1.8 provide the cultural programming services listed in subdivision 2 to American Indian inmates

1.9 incarcerated individuals of all juvenile and adult state correctional facilities and

1.10 community-based correctional programs. The commissioner may, within the limits of

1.11 available money, contract with appropriate American Indian private, nonprofit organizations

1.12 to provide the cultural programming services.

1.13 Subd. 2. **Cultural programming services.** The policy shall include, but need not be

1.14 limited to, providing, within the limits of available money, spiritual and cultural programming

1.15 services having the following purposes:

1.16 (1) ~~the teaching of good work habits and the development of motivation through work~~

1.17 education and training needed for postincarceration self-sufficiency;

1.18 (2) the development of ~~cultural pride to improve~~ strengthened American Indian self-image

1.19 identity;

1.20 ~~(3) the development of an understanding of and an adjustment to the cultural differences~~

1.21 ~~between American Indians and other ethnic groups;~~

2.1 (3) improved understanding of American Indian culture, traditions, and spiritual practices  
2.2 for Department of Corrections staff;

2.3 ~~(4) the development of attitudes of mutual trust, respect, and understanding among~~  
2.4 ~~American Indian family members~~ partnerships with Tribal Nations to address the unique  
2.5 needs of American Indian incarcerated persons and promote approaches to rehabilitation  
2.6 specific to this population;

2.7 ~~(5) the fostering of increased availability of medicine men and American Indian spiritual~~  
2.8 ~~leaders to teach American Indian inmates~~ incarcerated individuals about American Indian  
2.9 ~~history, cultural sensitivity, and religion~~ and spiritual practices;

2.10 (6) the involvement of American Indian ~~inmates~~ incarcerated individuals in those aspects  
2.11 of the correctional system that will aid in their rehabilitation; and

2.12 (7) the provision of services to American Indian ~~inmates~~ incarcerated individuals that  
2.13 will facilitate their reentry into the community.