

CHAPTER 241

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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241.016 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT REQUIRED.

Subdivision 1. **Biennial report.** (a) The Department of Corrections shall submit a performance report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house committees and divisions having jurisdiction over criminal justice funding by January 15, 2005, and every other year thereafter. The issuance and content of the report must include the following:

- (1) department strategic mission, goals, and objectives;
- (2) the department-wide per diem, adult facility-specific per diems, and an average per diem, reported in a standard calculated method as outlined in the departmental policies and procedures;
- (3) department annual statistics as outlined in the departmental policies and procedures; and
- (4) information about prison-based mental health programs, including, but not limited to, the availability of these programs, participation rates, and completion rates.

(b) The department shall maintain recidivism rates for adult facilities on an annual basis. In addition, each year the department shall, on an alternating basis, complete a recidivism analysis of adult facilities, juvenile services, and the community services divisions and include a three-year recidivism analysis in the report described in paragraph (a). The recidivism analysis must: (1) assess education programs, vocational programs, treatment programs, including mental health programs, industry, and employment; and (2) assess state-wide re-entry policies and funding, including postrelease treatment, education, training, and supervision. In addition, when reporting recidivism for the department's adult and juvenile facilities, the department shall report on the extent to which offenders it has assessed as chemically dependent commit new offenses, with separate recidivism rates reported for persons completing and not completing the department's treatment programs.

History: 2007 c 54 art 6 s 4

241.018 PER DIEM CALCULATION.

Subdivision 1. **State correctional facilities.** (a) The commissioner of corrections shall develop a uniform method to calculate the average department-wide per diem cost of incarcerating offenders at state adult correctional facilities. In addition to other costs currently factored into the per diem, it must include an appropriate percentage of capitol costs for all adult correctional facilities and 65 percent of the department's management services budget.

(b) The commissioner also shall use this method of calculating per diem costs for offenders in each state adult correctional facility. When calculating the per diem cost of incarcerating offenders at a particular facility, the commissioner shall include an appropriate percentage of capital costs for the facility and an appropriate prorated amount, given the facility's population, of 65 percent of the department's management services budget.

(c) The commissioner shall ensure that these new per diem methods are used in all future annual performance reports to the legislature and are also reflected in the department's biennial budget document.

Subd. 2. **Local correctional facilities.** (a) The commissioner of corrections shall develop a uniform method to calculate the average per diem cost of incarcerating offenders in county and regional jail facilities licensed by the commissioner under section 241.021, subdivision 1, paragraph (a).

(b) Each county and regional jail in the state must annually provide the commissioner with a per diem calculation based on the formula the commissioner promulgates pursuant to paragraph (a).

(c) The commissioner shall include the county and regional jail per diem data collected under paragraph (b) in the Department of Correction's annual performance report to the legislature mandated by section 241.016.

History: 2007 c 54 art 6 s 5

241.021 LICENSING AND SUPERVISION OF INSTITUTIONS AND FACILITIES.

[For text of subs 1 to 4a, see M.S.2006]

Subd. 4b. [Repealed, 2007 c 133 art 2 s 13]

Subd. 5. [Repealed, 2007 c 54 art 6 s 20]

[For text of subd 6, see M.S.2006]

241.27 VOCATIONAL TRAINING OF INMATES; MINNESOTA CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES; REVOLVING ACCOUNTS.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment of Minnesota correctional industries; MINNCOR industries.** For the purpose of providing adequate, regular and suitable employment, educational training, and to aid the inmates of state correctional facilities, the commissioner of corrections may establish, equip, maintain and operate at any correctional facility under the commissioner's control such industrial and commercial activities as may be deemed necessary and suitable to the profitable employment, educational training and development of proper work habits of the inmates of state correctional facilities. The industrial and commercial activities authorized by this section are designated MINNCOR industries and shall be for the primary purpose of sustaining and ensuring MINNCOR industries' self-sufficiency, providing educational training, meaningful employment and the teaching of proper work habits to the inmates of correctional facilities under the control of the commissioner of corrections, and not solely as competitive business ventures. The net profits from these activities shall be used for the benefit of the inmates as it relates to education, self-sufficiency skills, and transition services and not to fund non-inmate-related activities or mandates. Prior to the establishment of any industrial and commercial activity, the commissioner of corrections may consult with representatives of business, industry, organized labor, the state Department of Education, the state Apprenticeship Council, the state Department of Labor and Industry, the Department of Employment Security, the Department of Administration, and such other persons and bodies as the commissioner may feel are qualified to determine the quantity and nature of the goods, wares, merchandise and services to be made or provided, and the types of processes to be used in their manufacture, processing, repair, and production consistent with the greatest opportunity for the reform and educational training of the inmates, and with the best interests of the state, business, industry and labor.

The commissioner of corrections shall, at all times in the conduct of any industrial or commercial activity authorized by this section, utilize inmate labor to the greatest extent feasible, provided, however, that the commissioner may employ all administrative, supervisory and other skilled workers necessary to the proper instruction of the inmates and the profitable and efficient operation of the industrial and commercial activities authorized by this section.

Additionally, the commissioner of corrections may authorize the director of any correctional facility under the commissioner's control to accept work projects from outside sources for processing, fabrication or repair, provided that preference shall be given to the performance of such work projects for state departments and agencies.

Subd. 2. Revolving fund; use of fund. There is established in the Department of Corrections under the control of the commissioner of corrections the Minnesota correctional industries revolving fund to which shall be transferred the revolving funds authorized in Minnesota Statutes 1978, sections 243.41 and 243.85, clause (f), and any other industrial revolving funds heretofore established at any state correctional facility under the control of the commissioner of corrections. The revolving fund established shall be used for the conduct of the industrial and commercial activities now or hereafter established at any state correctional facility, including but not limited to the purchase of equipment, raw materials, the payment of salaries, wages and other expenses necessary and incident thereto. The purchase of services, materials, and commodities used in and held for resale are not subject to the competitive bidding procedures of section 16C.06, but are subject to all other provisions of chapters 16B and 16C. When practical, purchases must be made from small targeted group businesses designated under section 16C.16. Additionally, the expenses of inmate educational training, self-sufficiency skills, transition services, and the inmate release fund may be financed from the correctional industries revolving fund in an amount to be determined by the commissioner or the MINNCOR chief executive officer as duly appointed by the commissioner. The proceeds and income from all industrial and commercial activities conducted at state correctional facilities shall be deposited in the correctional industries revolving fund subject to disbursement as hereinabove provided. The commissioner of corrections may request that money in the fund be invested pursuant to section 11A.25; the proceeds from the investment not currently needed shall be accounted for separately and credited to the fund.

Subd. 3. Disbursement from fund. The correctional industries revolving fund shall be deposited in the state treasury and paid out only on proper vouchers as may be authorized and approved by the commissioner of corrections, and in the same manner and under the same restrictions as are now provided by law for the disbursement of funds by the commissioner. An amount deposited in the state treasury equal to six months of net operating cash as determined by the prior 12 months of revenue and cash flow statements, shall be restricted for use only by correctional industries as described under subdivision 2. For purposes of this subdivision, "net operating cash" means net income minus sales plus cost of goods sold. Cost of goods sold include all direct costs of correctional industry products attributable to their production. The commissioner of corrections is authorized to keep and maintain at any correctional facility under the commissioner's control a contingent fund, as provided in section 241.13; but the contingent fund shall at all times be covered and protected by a proper and sufficient bond to be duly approved as by law now provided.

Subd. 4. Revolving fund; borrowing. The commissioner of corrections is authorized, when in the commissioner's judgment it becomes necessary in order to meet current demands on the correctional industries revolving fund, to borrow sums of money as may be necessary. The sums so borrowed shall not exceed, in any one year, six months of net operating cash as determined by the previous 12 months of the correctional industries' revenue and cash flow statements.

When the commissioner of corrections shall certify to the commissioner of finance that, in the commissioner's judgment, it is necessary to borrow a specified sum of money in order to meet the current demands on the correctional industries revolving fund, and the commissioner of finance may, in the commissioner's discretion, transfer and credit to the correctional industries revolving fund, from any moneys in the state treasury not required for immediate disbursement, the whole or such part of the amount so certified as they deem advisable, which sum so transferred shall be repaid by the commissioner from the revolving fund to the fund from which transferred, at such time as shall be specified by the commissioner of finance, together with interest thereon at such rate as shall be specified by the commissioner of finance, not exceeding four percent per annum. When any transfer shall so have been made to the correctional industries revolving fund, the commissioner of finance shall notify the commissioner of corrections of the amount so transferred to the credit of the correctional industries revolving fund, the date when the same is to be repaid, and the rate of interest so to be paid.

[For text of subd 5, see M.S.2006]

History: 2007 c 54 art 6 s 6–9

241.278 AGREEMENTS FOR WORK FORCE OF STATE OR COUNTY JAIL INMATES.

The commissioner of corrections, in the interest of inmate rehabilitation or to promote programs under section 241.275, subdivision 2, may enter into interagency agreements with state, county, or municipal agencies, or contract with nonprofit agencies to manage, fund, or partially fund the cost of programs that use state or county jail inmates as a work force. The commissioner is authorized to receive funds via these agreements and these funds are appropriated to the commissioner for community service programming or when prison industries are party to the agreement, shall be deposited in the Minnesota correctional industries revolving fund for use as described under section 241.27, subdivision 2.

History: 2007 c 54 art 6 s 10

241.69 MENTAL HEALTH UNIT; ESTABLISHMENT.

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.2006]

Subd. 3. Transfer. If the licensed mental health professional finds the person to be a person who is mentally ill and in need of short-term care, the licensed mental health professional may recommend transfer by the commissioner of corrections to the mental health unit established pursuant to subdivision 1.

Subd. 4. Commitment. If the licensed mental health professional finds the person to be a person who is mentally ill and in need of long-term care in a hospital, or if an inmate transferred pursuant to subdivision 3 refuses to voluntarily participate in the treatment program at the mental health unit, the director of psychological services of the institution or the mental health professional shall initiate proceedings for judicial commitment as provided in section 253B.07. Upon the recommendation of the licensed mental health professional and upon completion of the hearing and consideration of the record, the court may commit the person to the mental health unit established in subdivision 1 or to another hospital. A person confined in a state correctional institution for adults who has been adjudicated to be a person who is mentally ill and in need of treatment may be committed to the commissioner of corrections and placed in the mental health unit established in subdivision 1.

[For text of subs 5 to 8, see M.S.2006]

History: 2007 c 54 art 6 s 11,12

241.85 EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2006]

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 2007 c 54 art 6 s 20]

241.86 MENTORING GRANT FOR CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS.

Subdivision 1. **Mentoring grant.** The commissioner of corrections shall award a grant to nonprofit organizations that provide one-to-one mentoring relationships to youth enrolled between the ages of seven to 13 whose parent or other significant family member is incarcerated in a county workhouse, county jail, state prison, or other type of correctional facility or is subject to correctional supervision. The intent of the grant is to provide children with adult mentors to strengthen developmental outcomes, including enhanced self-confidence and esteem; improved academic performance; and improved relationships with peers, family, and other adults that may prevent them from entering the juvenile justice system.

Subd. 2. **Grant criteria.** As a condition of receiving grants, the grant recipients shall do the following:

(1) collaborate with other organizations that have a demonstrated history of providing services to youth and families in disadvantaged situations;

(2) implement procedures to ensure that 100 percent of the mentors pose no safety risk to the child and have the skills to participate in a mentoring relationship;

(3) provide enhanced training to mentors focusing on asset building and family dynamics when a parent is incarcerated; and

(4) provide an individual family plan and aftercare.

Subd. 3. Program evaluation. Grant recipients shall submit an evaluation plan to the commissioner delineating the program and student outcome goals and activities implemented to achieve the stated outcomes. The goals must be clearly stated and measurable. Grant recipients shall collect, analyze, and report on participation and outcome data that enable the department to verify that the program goals were met.

History: 2007 c 54 art 1 s 16