

Subject Expanding visitation rights for incarcerated persons and establishing a task force

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Summary

| Section | Description |
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| 1 | Religious and mentoring activities. Authorizes mentors or representatives approved by the diversity task force to freely administer mentorship services to inmates in the same manner that religious clergy can administer religious rights and instruction. |
| 2 | General searches. Eliminates the authorization for the commissioner of corrections to charge a fee for visits to inmates. |
| 3 | Professional and community assistance. Authorizes medical professionals, mental health professionals, and persons approved by the task force for the support, rehabilitation, and reentry of incarcerated persons in state correctional facilities to visit incarcerated persons in the same manner that licensed attorneys are currently permitted to visit inmates. |
| 4 | Visitation rules. Directs the commissioner of corrections to adopt rules to maximize visitation for inmates. Prohibits the commissioner from imposing certain limitations or prohibitions on visits. |
| 5 | Diversity task force for the support, rehabilitation, and reentry of incarcerated persons in state correctional facilities. Directs the commissioner of public safety, through the Office of Restorative Practices, to establish and appoint a task force of up to 40 individuals. Establishes the duties of the task force, authorizes the task force to form subcommittees, and states that the task force does not expire. |
| 6 | Title. States that sections 1 to 5 shall be referred to as the “Minnesota Safety through Support Act.” |



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