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Overview

Contains a variety of Department of Corrections policy initiatives. The bill amends the challenge incarceration program criteria, amends the department's biennial reporting requirement, authorizes electronic victim notification, and authorizes the department's fugitive apprehension unit to secure search warrants.

- 1 **Biennial report.** Eliminates the Department of Corrections' obligation to report on specific performance measures and targets as part of the department's biennial report to the legislature. The legislature added these reporting requirements to the statute in 2009.
- 2 **Limitations.** Repeals the prohibition against the Department of Correction's Fugitive Apprehension Unit applying for search warrants.
- 3 **Offenders not eligible.** Restricts the class of offenders who are eligible for the Department of Corrections' boot camp program called Challenge Incarceration (CIP). Under the bill, the following offenders would not be eligible to participate in CIP:
 - an offender serving a sentence for a crime that resulted in death or great bodily harm to a victim or involved the discharge of a firearm;
 - an offender who served a sentence for an offense included in the prior bullet point and five years have not elapsed since the person's sentence expired;
 - an offender required to register as a predatory offender;
 - an offender who is referred for civil commitment as a sexually dangerous person or mentally ill and dangerous;
 - an offender with a recent incident of prison discipline; and
 - an offender subject to a suspended disciplinary sanction or a current loss of privileges.
- 4 **Victim notification of petition and release; right to submit statement.** Authorizes the Commissioner of Corrections to provide electronic notification to victims when offenders who are

mentally ill and dangerous are being released/discharged from a secure hospital.

- 5** **Victim notification of petition and release; right to submit statement.** Authorizes the Commissioner of Corrections to provide electronic notification to victims when civilly committed sex offenders are being released/discharged from a secure hospital.
- 6** **Notice of release required.** Authorizes the Commissioner of Corrections to provide electronic notification to victims when offenders are being released from prison.
- 7** **Contents of notice.** Technical change needed to implement electronic victim notification under section 6.
- 8** **Peace officer.** Authorizes members of the Fugitive Apprehension Unit to use search warrants as part of their duties by adding members of the unit to the list of peace officers who may request a search warrant from the court.