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### Overview

This bill establishes guidelines for the use of administrative and disciplinary segregation in state prisons.

#### Section

#### **1 Administrative and disciplinary segregation.**

**Subd. 1. Authorization.** Establishes the grounds that the Commissioner of Corrections can rely upon to place an inmate in segregation.

**Subd. 2. Conditions in segregated housing.** Establishes the minimum conditions that the commissioner must offer inmates in segregated housing.

**Subd. 3. Review of disciplinary segregation status.** Establishes mandatory review periods for inmates in segregated housing.

**Subd. 4. Graduated disciplinary sanctions.** Requires the commissioner to design and implement a graduated scale of responses to infractions.

**Subd. 5. Mental health assessments; transfer to treatment.** Requires inmates placed in segregation to be assessed for mental illness. If an inmate is diagnosed with an acute mental illness, the inmate should be placed in an alternative setting.

**Subd. 6. Mental health care within segregated housing.** Requires regular mental health checks of inmates in segregation.

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**Subd. 7. Incentives for return to the general population.** Requires the commissioner to design and implement a system of incentives for inmates to return to the general population.

**Subd. 8. Discharge from segregated housing.** Prohibits the commissioner from releasing an inmate directly to the community from segregated housing. Requires a mental health exam before an inmate who served more than 30 days in segregation returns to the general population.

**Subd. 9. Reporting.** Requires the commissioner to prepare an annual report to the legislature detailing the commissioner's use of segregated housing.