

Subject Correctional Segregation

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Overview

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

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Administrative and disciplinary segregation.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Authorization. Establishes the grounds that the Commissioner of Corrections can rely upon to place an inmate in segregation.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Conditions in segregated housing. Establishes the minimum conditions that the commissioner must offer inmates in segregated housing.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Review of disciplinary segregation status. Establishes mandatory review periods for inmates in segregated housing.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Graduated disciplinary sanctions. Requires the commissioner to design and implement a graduated scale of responses to infractions.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Subd. 6. Mental health care within segregated housing. Requires regular mental health checks of inmates in segregation.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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	<p>Subd. 9. Reporting. Requires the commissioner to prepare an annual report to the legislature detailing the commissioner’s use of segregated housing.</p>



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