

House Bill 2890

Sponsored by Representative DEXTER (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Corrections Ombudsman to support Department of Corrections' continuous quality improvement efforts, and to provide report to Governor and committees or interim committees of Legislative Assembly detailing staffing and resources needed to fulfill powers and duties of office within six months of appointment of ombudsman.

Directs Department of Corrections to ensure all persons confined in department institutions have access to mental health and substance use disorder treatment.

Directs department to ensure all persons confined in department institutions have access to personal electronic devices.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to adults in custody.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 423.400 to**
5 **423.450.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The Corrections Ombudsman shall consult with adults in custody, family**
7 **members of adults in custody and the Department of Corrections in order to inform and**
8 **support the department's continuous quality improvement efforts.**

9 **(2) Within six months after a Corrections Ombudsman is appointed under ORS 423.400,**
10 **the ombudsman shall provide a report to the Governor, and to the appropriate committees**
11 **or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245,**
12 **identifying staffing and resources needed to fulfill the powers and duties of the ombudsman**
13 **under ORS 423.400 to 423.450.**

14 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 1, 2027.**

15 **SECTION 4. Sections 5 and 6 of this 2023 Act are added to and made a part of ORS 423.010**
16 **to 423.070.**

17 **SECTION 5. (1) The Department of Corrections shall ensure that all persons confined in**
18 **Department of Corrections institutions have access to mental health and substance use dis-**
19 **order treatment and services during the entire period of incarceration, including access to**
20 **evidence-based medication-assisted treatment options.**

21 **(2) As used in this section, "Department of Corrections institutions" has the meaning**
22 **given that term in ORS 421.005.**

23 **SECTION 6. (1) The Department of Corrections shall ensure that all persons confined in**
24 **Department of Corrections institutions have meaningful and free access to secure personal**
25 **electronic devices that may be used for education, health care, behavioral health and per-**
26 **sonal communications with family and legal counsel.**

27 **(2) As used in this section, "Department of Corrections institutions" has the meaning**
28 **given that term in ORS 421.005.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

