

SB 777 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 3/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Task Force on Prison Education to study existing prisoner education and training programs; barriers to access to such programs; and options and opportunities for expanding, updating and improving such programs.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

After the 2017 session an interim a workgroup on Reentry was formed to assess current barriers to the successful reentry of individuals into mainstream society after incarceration and to propose possible solutions. Once barrier identified was the need for expanded educational opportunities for incarcerated individuals to help them better build their resumes, expand their knowledge and skills, and access jobs upon reentry.

Senate Bill 777 was the product of that work group. It creates a formal taskforce to study existing prisoner education and training programs; barriers to access to such programs; and options and opportunities for expanding, updating and improving such programs.