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House Bill 3300

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Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY (at the request of Representative Jeff Barker)

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.

[Directs Department of Corrections to conduct study on provision of treatment services to persons in custody of department and present report on findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to judiciary on or before September 15, 2020.]

[Sunsets January 2, 2021.]

Directs Department of Corrections to create, in collaboration with Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, pilot program establishing Center for Incarcerated Parents and Their Children at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. Provides that center shall be administered by YWCA of Greater Portland. Specifies goals of center and services that must be provided. Requires department to perform analysis of center and report results of analysis to Legislative Assembly beginning September 15, 2021, and every two years thereafter. Appropriates moneys to Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for distribution to YWCA of Greater Portland for purposes of program. Sunsets program on January 1, 2025.


A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the Department of Corrections.

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

SECTION 1. (1)(a) The Department of Corrections, in collaboration with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, shall create a pilot program establishing the Center for Incarcerated Parents and Their Children at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.

(b) The center shall be administered by the YWCA of Greater Portland and be located within the facility.

(2) The goals of the center include:

(a) Providing services that increase protective factors within families, create self-efficacy in parents and lead to successful parenting upon reentry;

(b) Reducing the trauma experienced by children of incarcerated parents;

(c) Improving social-emotional and educational outcomes for the children of incarcerated parents;

(d) Increasing successful reentry of incarcerated parents and reunification with families;

(e) Reducing the likelihood that children of incarcerated parents enter the justice system; and

(f) Reducing recidivism.

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.
(3)(a) The center shall provide services to parents serving sentences of incarceration at
Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, children of the parents and caregivers of the children,
that the YWCA of Greater Portland determines, in collaboration with the department, to be
eligible.

(b) The services provided must be individualized, targeted, culturally appropriate,
gender-responsive and trauma-informed.

(c) Services provided under this section shall include but are not limited to:
   (A) Therapeutic visitations;
   (B) Biopsychosocial assessments and interventions;
   (C) Psycho-educational and support groups;
   (D) Intensive transition planning;
   (E) Parenting support and education;
   (F) Caregiver support;
   (G) Juvenile and family law support;
   (H) Communication support; and
   (I) Lectures and speaker series.

(4) The YWCA of Greater Portland shall contribute to the center:
   (a) Practitioners who have at least a master's degree with specific training in family
       systems, adult and children's mental health and trauma;
   (b) Tracking of outcome measurements of the center;
   (c) Community partnerships;
   (d) Family housing opportunities; and
   (e) Domestic violence and sexual assault victim support and services.

(5) The department shall contribute to the center:
   (a) Training required to obtain contractor identification, keys and access to information
       technology systems and support;
   (b) Adequate office space to house all program staff;
   (c) Adequate designated classroom space;
   (d) Adequate space to hold monthly speaker series meetings;
   (e) A child-friendly space for therapeutic visitation twice a month;
   (f) A designated person to act as a liaison between Coffee Creek Correctional Facility and
       the YWCA of Greater Portland; and
   (g) The opportunity for quarterly team program meetings to establish and review proto-
       cols and procedures of the center.

(6) The commission shall contribute to the center research and analysis support, working
in partnership with any third party evaluators that are engaged in evaluation services under
subsection (7) of this section.

(7) No later than September 15, 2021, and every two years thereafter, the department, in
consultation with the YWCA of Greater Portland and the commission, shall establish and
perform an analysis with an independent, third party evaluator to monitor the effectiveness
of the center described in this section and shall report the results of the analysis to the
Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Culturally responsive” means taking into account the beliefs, practices, culture and
linguistic needs of diverse victim and offender populations and communities whose members
identify as having particular cultural or linguistic affiliations by virtue of their place of birth, ancestry or ethnic origin, religion, preferred language or language spoken at home.

(b) “Gender-responsive” means taking into account gender-specific needs that have been identified in research, including but not limited to socialization, psychological development, strengths, risk factors, pathways through systems, responses to treatment intervention and other unique gender-specific needs facing justice-involved persons.

(c) “Trauma-informed” means incorporating gender violence research and the impact of all forms of trauma in designing and implementing policies, practices, programs, and services that involve understanding, recognizing and responding to the effects of all types of trauma with emphasis on physical, psychological and emotional safety.

(2)(a) The Department of Corrections shall designate at least one employee of the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility to act as a gender-responsive officer to coordinate efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under this section.

(b) The gender-responsive officer must:

(A) Be an individual in the director's office or an individual who reports directly to the director; and

(B) Have adequate training on gender-responsive, culturally responsive and trauma-informed correctional practices and appropriate standards, policies and practices for individuals serving sentences of incarceration at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.

(3) No later than October 15, 2020, the gender-responsive officer shall conduct an assessment of the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. The purpose of the assessment is to establish a baseline for a strategic planning process, policy recommendation and improved protection of individuals serving sentences of incarceration at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. The assessment shall include a review of:

(a) Whether the following are gender-responsive, culturally responsive and trauma-informed:

(A) Intake;

(B) Placement;

(C) Risk assessment;

(D) Case management;

(E) Mental, behavioral and physical health services;

(F) Vocational programs;

(G) Rehabilitation programs;

(H) Correctional staff;

(I) Organizational structure;

(J) Reentry and transition programming; and

(K) Other policies.

(b) Whether there are currently in place adequate protections, policies, procedures, oversight and hiring practices to ensure that individuals serving sentences of incarceration at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility are not subjected to sexual assault or sexual harassment and to determine whether the current responses to sexual assault or sexual harassment are gender-responsive, culturally responsive and trauma-informed.

(4) The gender-responsive officer shall provide a report to the Legislative Assembly, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, during the 2021 regular session of the Legislative Assembly, that includes:
(a) A summary of the assessment; and
(b) Policy recommendations regarding the development and implementation of evidenced-based, gender-responsive, culturally responsive and trauma-informed practices that address the findings of the study, including funding and staff necessary to develop and implement a 10-year strategic plan based on the assessment.

(5)(a) No later than October 15, 2022, the gender-responsive officer shall develop a 10-year strategic plan based on the assessment described in subsection (3) of this section. The plan must emphasize the improvement of operations, services and interventions for persons serving sentences of incarceration at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. The plan must address the development and implementation of evidenced-based, gender-responsive, culturally responsive and trauma-informed practices at the facility.

(b) The gender-responsive officer shall provide a report to the Legislative Assembly, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, during the 2023 regular session of the Legislative Assembly and every regular session thereafter, that includes:

(A) The status of the strategic plan described in paragraph (a) of this subsection; and
(B) Policy recommendations regarding the development and implementation of evidenced-based, gender-responsive, culturally responsive and trauma-informed practices that address the findings of the study.

(6)(a) The gender-responsive officer shall create a Gender-Responsive Advisory Council. The council shall consist of justice-involved individuals, including:

(A) Individuals incarcerated or formerly incarcerated at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.
(B) Individuals impacted by the justice system, including families of individuals incarcerated at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.
(C) Stakeholders with expertise regarding gender-responsive policies, practices, programs and services.
(D) Stakeholders with expertise regarding trauma-informed practices.

(b) The gender-responsive officer shall meet with the council at least quarterly and receive input on:

(A) The assessment and strategic plan; and
(B) The development and implementation of evidenced-based, gender-responsive and trauma-informed practices at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.

SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of $900,000, for distribution to the YWCA of Greater Portland to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this 2019 Act.

SECTION 4. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on January 1, 2025.