

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 374

BY SENATOR BARROW

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. Provides relative to incarcerated women. (8/1/18)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:892.1, relative to correctional institutions; to require the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to undertake a planning process relative to women's correctional facilities; to provide for legislative intent; to provide with respect to providing services relative to the mental and physical health of incarcerated women; to provide relative to incarcerated pregnant women; to provide relative to the development of programs relative to incarcerated women; to provide relative to transgender inmates; to provide with respect to management of transgender inmate care; to provide relative to staff education, training, and development; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 15:892.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§892.1. Incarcerated women; transgender inmate; services; development

A. The legislature finds and declares that services offered to state and private correctional institutions and facilities should address the unique issues of incarcerated women based upon female specific health issues, social and psychological needs, family commitments, and issues surrounding children. It

1 is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Public Safety and
2 Corrections and private vendors operating private correctional facilities work
3 towards ensuring the availability and development of such services at the
4 correctional institutions and facilities of this state.

5 B. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall undertake a
6 planning process for the proper management of incarcerated women. The
7 planning process required in this Section, at a minimum shall include:

8 (1) Health screening and projected health care needs.

9 (2) Plan of care for a child or children.

10 (3) Wellness education program.

11 (4) Pregnancy.

12 (5) Counseling and support services.

13 (6) Geriatric care.

14 (7) Mental health screening.

15 (8) Mental health services.

16 (9) Disease control and prevention.

17 (10) Staff education, training, and development to provide care for
18 female inmates, including pregnant women and geriatric care.

19 C. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall undertake a
20 planning process for the proper management of transgender inmates. The
21 planning process required in this Section, at a minimum shall include:

22 (1) Health screening and projected health care needs.

23 (2) Plan of care for a child or children.

24 (3) Wellness education program.

25 (4) Counseling and support services.

26 (5) Hormone therapy.

27 (6) Geriatric care.

28 (7) Mental health screening.

29 (8) Mental health services.

- 1 **(9) Disease control and prevention.**
- 2 **(10) Staff education, training, and development to provide care for**
- 3 **transgender inmates and geriatric care.**
- 4 **D. The implementation of the planning process as expressed and**
- 5 **required by this Section shall begin no later than September 1, 2018. The**
- 6 **Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall present a report of its**
- 7 **findings to the legislature not later than February 1, 2019.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Angela L. De Jean.

DIGEST

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Barrow

Proposed law expresses the legislative intent and desire that services offered to state and private correctional institutions and facilities should address the unique issues of incarcerated women based upon female specific health issues, social and psychological needs, family commitments, and issues surrounding children. Provides that the Dept. of Public Safety & Corrections (DPSC) and private vendors operating private correctional facilities work towards ensuring the availability and development of such services at the correctional institutions and facilities of this state.

Proposed law requires DPSC to undertake a planning process for the proper management of incarcerated women.

Proposed law provides that the planning process required in proposed law, at a minimum shall include:

- (1) Health screening and projected health care needs.
- (2) Plan of care for a child or children.
- (3) Wellness education program.
- (4) Pregnancy.
- (5) Counseling and support services.
- (6) Geriatric care.
- (7) Mental health screening.
- (8) Mental health services.
- (9) Disease control and prevention.
- (10) Staff education, training, and development to provide care for female inmates, including pregnant women and geriatric care.

Proposed law requires DPSC to undertake a planning process for the proper management of transgender inmates.

Proposed law provides that the planning process required in proposed law, at a minimum shall include:

- (1) Health screening and projected health care needs.
- (2) Plan of care for a child or children.
- (3) Wellness education program.
- (4) Counseling and support services.
- (5) Hormone therapy.
- (6) Geriatric care.
- (7) Mental health screening.
- (8) Mental health services.
- (9) Disease control and prevention.
- (10) Staff education, training, and development to provide care for transgender inmates and geriatric care.

Proposed law requires the implementation of the planning process as required by proposed law no later than September 1, 2018.

Proposed law requires DPSC to present a report of its findings to the legislature not later than February 1, 2019.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Adds R.S. 15:892.1)