

Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

Bill Summary

Bill Number: H2608

Name: An Act relative to human rights and improved outcomes for incarcerated people

Sponsor(s): Representative Brandy Fluker-Reid

Hearing Date: 15th October, 2025 at 1PM in A2

Prior History: First time file

Summary:

SECTION 1: Definitions; of cell, congregate and out of cell. Further providing for good conduct time to be earned for a variety of social standards and programs geared at rehabilitation; rights for visitors, accessing a commissary, medical services, clean water, hygiene facilities; library, standards of living conditions; reporting on population overall and use of rehabilitative programming time off credits, and community-based facilities and time out of cell. The commissioner or administrators of state prisons and county facilities will promulgate rules and regulations to maximize out of cell time for the purpose of allowing the incarcerated to earn good conduct time and generally participate in rehabilitate procedures. All incarcerated persons will have at least one hour a day of congregate programming, access to educational and vocational training including community partnerships to improve reentry; the right to earn good conduct time for participation in educational and vocational training; eight hours of unrestrained out of cell time except for operational emergencies; all incarcerated to be treated without any form of discrimination and with dignity; the incarcerated will have visitors in accordance with current law; the incarcerated will have access to the commissary on a weekly basis its products appropriate to ethnicity and culture and the ability to make quarterly recommendations regarding products that are related to culture, race or ethnicity.

SECTION 2: Provides for educational services from GED, vocational training, credit bearing college classes, and workforce readiness classes. Educational programs to be conducted 4 hours a day 5 days a week.

SECTION 3: Law takes effect 180 days after passage.