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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Policy and Oversight

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to corrections; requiring the commissioner of corrections to present  
1.3 performance measures to the legislature; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008,  
1.4 section 241.016, subdivision 1.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 241.016, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Biennial report.** (a) The Department of Corrections shall submit a  
1.8 performance report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house  
1.9 of representatives committees and divisions having jurisdiction over criminal justice  
1.10 funding by January 15, 2005, and every other year thereafter. The issuance and content  
1.11 of the report must include the following:

1.12 (1) department strategic mission, goals, and objectives;

1.13 (2) the department-wide per diem, adult facility-specific per diems, and an average  
1.14 per diem, reported in a standard calculated method as outlined in the departmental policies  
1.15 and procedures;

1.16 (3) department annual statistics as outlined in the departmental policies and  
1.17 procedures; and

1.18 (4) information about prison-based mental health programs, including, but not  
1.19 limited to, the availability of these programs, participation rates, and completion rates.

1.20 (b) The department shall maintain recidivism rates for adult facilities on an annual  
1.21 basis. In addition, each year the department shall, on an alternating basis, complete a  
1.22 recidivism analysis of adult facilities, juvenile services, and the community services  
1.23 divisions and include a three-year recidivism analysis in the report described in paragraph

1.24 (a). The recidivism analysis must: (1) assess education programs, vocational programs,

2.1 treatment programs, including mental health programs, industry, and employment; and (2)  
2.2 assess statewide re-entry policies and funding, including postrelease treatment, education,  
2.3 training, and supervision. In addition, when reporting recidivism for the department's  
2.4 adult and juvenile facilities, the department shall report on the extent to which offenders it  
2.5 has assessed as chemically dependent commit new offenses, with separate recidivism rates  
2.6 reported for persons completing and not completing the department's treatment programs.

2.7 (c) By June 30 of each odd-numbered year, the commissioner must present to the  
2.8 legislature a report that lists and describes the performance measures and targets the  
2.9 department will include in the biennial performance report. The measures and targets  
2.10 must include a budget target for the next two years and a history of the department's  
2.11 performance for the previous five years. At a minimum, the report must include measures  
2.12 and targets for the data and information identified in paragraphs (a) and (b) regarding per  
2.13 diem, statistics, inmate programming, and recidivism, and the following:

2.14 (1) average facility per diem for adult offenders, female offenders, and juvenile  
2.15 offenders;

2.16 (2) community corrections;

2.17 (3) staffing and salaries for both department divisions and institutions;

2.18 (4) the use of private and local institutions to house persons committed to the  
2.19 commissioner;

2.20 (5) the cost of inmate health and dental care;

2.21 (6) implementation and use of corrections best practices; and

2.22 (7) the challenge incarceration program.

2.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 1, 2009.