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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Department of Corrections is required to make certain reports to the Joint Legislative Prison Oversight Committee quarterly.

This bill would require the Department of Corrections to make monthly reports to the Joint Legislative Prison Oversight Committee.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to the Department of Corrections; to amend Section 14-1-24, Code of Alabama 1975, to require the Department of Corrections to make certain reports monthly.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 14-1-24, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follow:

"§14-1-24

(a) In addition to any reporting requirements under existing law, the Alabama Department of Corrections shall provide to the Joint Legislative Prison Oversight Committee ~~quarterly~~ monthly reports that include all of the following:

(1) A report containing statistical data that would



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29 allow the Legislature to assess the size or composition of the  
30 inmate population.

31 (2) A report containing statistical data that would  
32 allow the Legislature to assess the general status of  
33 correctional officer staffing levels, including new hires and  
34 retention between reporting periods.

35 (3) A report containing statistical data, by sex, of  
36 inmate participation in educational, vocational, religious, or  
37 reentry programs.

38 (4) A list of all litigation filed during the quarter  
39 involving the department, or any of its employees that relates  
40 to performance of his or her employment, to include the case  
41 style, case number, court, date of filing, and the amount of  
42 money paid by the department to defend the litigation.

43 (5)a. A report containing statistical data of all  
44 occurrences of sexual abuse and sexual victimization of  
45 inmates in a correctional facility that are reported to the  
46 department. For each incident, the department shall designate  
47 whether the investigation is pending or complete. If the  
48 investigation is complete, the department shall provide  
49 whether the incident was found to be substantiated,  
50 unsubstantiated, or unfounded.

51 b. Reports shall include the date, facility, nature of  
52 the incident, and the number of inmates, correctional staff,  
53 or contractors involved in the incident.

54 (6)a. A report containing statistical data on the  
55 number, manner, and cause of inmate deaths occurring in a  
56 correctional facility, including the results of any autopsy



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57 provided to the department by a third party.

58           b. Reports shall include the date, facility, nature of  
59 the incident, and the number of inmates, correctional staff,  
60 or contractors involved in the incident.

61           (7)a. A report containing statistical data of cell  
62 phones or other electronic devices, weapons, and controlled  
63 substances recovered within a correctional facility.

64           b. Reports shall include the date, facility, nature of  
65 the incident, and the number of inmates, correctional staff,  
66 or contractors involved in the incident.

67           (b) Nothing in this section shall require the  
68 department to disclose sensitive security information;  
69 information from open criminal investigative files; material  
70 protected by attorney-client privilege, executive privilege,  
71 work product doctrine or that reveals legal strategy in  
72 pending litigation; information prepared for or filed under  
73 seal in any court proceeding; or information otherwise  
74 protected from disclosure by law.

75           (c) This report shall be made publicly available on the  
76 department's website within 10 days of its delivery to the  
77 joint oversight committee at which time a digital notice of  
78 posting shall be sent to each member of the Legislature."

79           Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first  
80 day of the third month following its passage and approval by  
81 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.