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SENATE BILL

No. 139

Introduced by Senator Alquist

January 31, 2011

An act to add Sections 5040 and 6134 to the Penal Code, relating to corrections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 139, as amended, Alquist. Corrections: Inspector General.

Existing law establishes the office of the Inspector General, and charges the Inspector General with various duties and responsibilities, including conducting audits of, and reviewing the policies and procedures of, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Existing law establishes the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and charges it with various duties and responsibilities related to inmates housed in state prisons.

This bill would authorize the Inspector General, or its successor, to oversee, and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to oversee and conduct, periodic and random searches of employees and vendors entering the secure perimeter of a state prison under the jurisdiction of the department for contraband, and require the department to report to the Inspector General and the Legislature ~~monthly~~ *quarterly* regarding those searches, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5040 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

2 5040. (a) The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
3 shall oversee and conduct periodic and random searches of
4 employees and vendors entering the secure perimeter of a state
5 prison under the jurisdiction of the department for contraband.
6 These searches shall include random searches of property, personal
7 or otherwise, brought into the prison by those individuals. The
8 department shall provide the Inspector General with no less than
9 24 hours' notice prior to the dates of those random searches the
10 department plans to conduct.

11 (b) (1) The department shall provide a written report to the
12 Legislature and the Inspector General at least ~~monthly~~ *quarterly*
13 detailing the following:

14 (A) The names of the prisons where the searches took place.

15 (B) The dates of the searches.

16 (C) The shifts during which the searches took place.

17 (D) The number of employees searched.

18 (E) The number of vendors searched.

19 (F) The number of cell phones discovered.

20 (G) The number of items of portable computer equipment found,
21 including, but not limited to, iPods, MP3 players, DVD players,
22 CD players, CDs, and portable video game players.

23 (H) Tobacco products found.

24 (I) Illegal substances found, listed by type of substance.

25 (2) The report shall include a general comment section for use
26 by the Inspector General and the department to discuss the issues
27 they find relevant to the searches and shall include a section
28 detailing the actions taken as a result of the discovery of contraband
29 possessed by an employee or vendor and the results of any
30 disciplinary process resulting from the discovery of contraband.

31 (c) The reports to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (b) shall
32 be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government
33 Code.

34 SEC. 2. Section 6134 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

35 6134. The Inspector General, or its successor, may oversee, at
36 a minimum, the department's search of one staff shift per year at
37 each adult institution, in order to ensure the integrity of the process
38 and of the searches, and the accuracy of the reports submitted

1 pursuant to Section 5040. Nothing in this paragraph shall be
2 interpreted to allow the Inspector General to direct the department
3 regarding when the random searches shall take place, to allow the
4 Inspector General to direct the department regarding how the
5 random searches shall be carried out, or as requiring the Inspector
6 General's approval prior to the department conducting the random
7 searches.

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