

**Introduced by Senator Hancock**

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An act to add Section 5055.5 to the Penal Code, relating to prisons.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 601, as introduced, Hancock. Corrections: prisons: accountability report.

Existing law provides that the supervision, management, and control of the state prisons, and the responsibility for the care, custody, treatment, training, discipline, and employment of persons confined therein are vested in the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

This bill would require the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to develop a Corrections Accountability Report on January 10, March 15, and a fiscal year-end report, containing specified information regarding each institution, including, among other information, the total budget, including actual expenditures, staff vacancies and the number of authorized staff positions, overtime, sick leave, and the average length of lockdowns, and to post those reports on the department's Internet Web site, as provided.

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 5055.5 is added to the Penal Code, to
- 2 read:
- 3 5055.5. (a) The Secretary of the Department of Corrections
- 4 and Rehabilitation shall develop a Corrections Accountability

1 Report as described in subdivisions (b) and (c) for each institution  
2 on January 10, March 15, and a fiscal year-end report and post  
3 those reports on the department's Internet Web site. The department  
4 shall post both current fiscal-year reports and reports for the  
5 immediately preceding three fiscal years for each institution. The  
6 department shall also post corrections made to inaccurate or  
7 incomplete data to current or previous reports.

8 (b) Each report shall include the three-year statewide recidivism  
9 rate, a brief biography of the warden, including whether he or she  
10 is an acting or permanent warden, contact information for the  
11 warden, and a brief description of the prison, including the total  
12 number of inmates.

13 (c) Each report shall be created using, when possible,  
14 information collected using the Compstat (computer assisted  
15 statistics) reports for each prison, or other verifiable information  
16 collected by the department, and shall include, but not be limited  
17 to, all of the following indicators:

18 (1) Total budget, including actual expenditures, staff vacancies,  
19 overtime, sick leave, and number of authorized staff positions.

20 (2) Rehabilitation programs, including capacity, enrollment,  
21 and diploma and GED completion rate.

22 (3) Average length of lockdowns.

23 (4) Number of deaths, specifying homicides, suicides,  
24 unexpected deaths, and expected deaths.

25 (5) Number of use of force incidents.

26 (6) Number of inmate appeals, including the number being  
27 processed, overdue, and dismissed.

28 (7) Number of inmates in administrative segregation.

29 (8) Total contraband seized, specifying the number of cellular  
30 telephones.