

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 5, 1999

SENATE BILL

No. 1042

Introduced by Senator Knight

February 26, 1999

An act to add Section 2910.7 to the Penal Code, relating to community correctional facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1042, as amended, Knight. Community correctional facilities.

Existing law authorizes the Director of Corrections to enter into an agreement with a city, county, or city and county, to permit transfer of prisoners in the custody of the Director of Corrections to a jail or other adult correctional facility of the city, county, or city and county, if the sheriff or corresponding official having jurisdiction over the facility has consented thereto.

This bill would authorize the department of Corrections to contract for up to ~~10,000~~ 4,000 community correctional facility beds. This bill would prohibit the director from imposing any restrictions on the geographical placement of, or minimum population requirement for, any proposed site for a facility authorized pursuant to this provision.

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. The Legislature finds and declares all of
2 the following:

3 (a) The Department of Corrections currently has in
4 custody more than 160,000 inmates.

5 (b) The Department of Corrections is currently
6 significantly overcrowded with triple bunking occurring
7 in gymnasiums and other areas not intended for housing
8 inmates.

9 (c) By the year 2004, the population of the
10 Department of Corrections is expected to grow to
11 208,000.

12 (d) The Legislative Analyst Office estimates that the
13 state will need to provide additional prison space for
14 27,000 inmates by June 30, 2004, at a cost of \$1,600,000,000.

15 (e) In the 1997–1998 legislative session, the Legislature
16 authorized only 4,000 additional prison beds.

17 (f) The capital outlay processes for the Department of
18 Corrections requires approximately two and one-half
19 years from the time funds are appropriated for a new
20 prison until first occupancy.

21 (g) The capital outlay process for community
22 correctional facilities may be accomplished in one year
23 from the date that a contract is signed.

24 (h) The State of California is in serious danger of
25 having to embrace early release or to accept no new
26 inmates, unless additional prison facilities are authorized
27 to come online in the near future.

28 SEC. 2. Section 2910.7 is added to the Penal Code, to
29 read:

30 2910.7. (a) The Department of Corrections may
31 contract for up to ~~10,000~~ 4,000 community correctional
32 facility beds pursuant to this article.

33 (b) Each facility under contract pursuant to this
34 section may provide onsite medical services. However,
35 the department or the facility may contract for medical
36 services with local medical facilities.

37 (c) The Director of Corrections shall impose no
38 restrictions on the geographical placement of, or



- 1 minimum population requirement for, any proposed site
- 2 for a facility authorized pursuant to this section.

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