

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1013

Introduced by Assembly Member Block

February 27, 2009

An act to add Section 3021 to the Penal Code, relating to corrections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1013, as introduced, Block. Corrections: veteran inmates.

Existing law generally regulates the imprisonment of inmates in state prisons.

This bill would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to conduct an interdisciplinary assessment of new inmates who have combat experience with the United States military, or are on active duty, reserve, or national guard status, and to develop specialized treatment protocols for those inmates.

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 3021 is added to the Penal Code, to read:
- 2 3021. It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize the
- 3 particular mental and physical factors that impact men and women
- 4 who have served in the Armed Forces and who are sentenced to
- 5 state prison.
- 6 (a) On or before July 1, 2010, the Department of Corrections
- 7 and Rehabilitation shall conduct an interdisciplinary assessment
- 8 of new inmates who have combat experience with the United States
- 9 military, or are on active duty, reserve, or national guard status.

1 (b) The interdisciplinary assessment shall supplement and
2 confirm data collected at any presentencing assessment.

3 (c) During the reception of an inmate specified in subdivision
4 (a), an assessment of the inmate shall be conducted that shall
5 include, but not be limited to, consideration of which of the
6 following:

7 (1) Any history of substance abuse.

8 (2) Criminal activity, including, but not limited to, gang
9 involvement.

10 (3) Education, including, but not limited to, educational
11 attainment, vocational training, and related skills.

12 (4) Family background, including, but not limited to, family
13 structure and relationships.

14 (5) Social functioning, including, but not limited to, employment
15 history, social skills, and religious affiliations and involvement.

16 (6) Medical and mental health status, including, but not limited
17 to, dental issues and physical disabilities or impairments.

18 (d) The department shall employ an interdisciplinary team to
19 conduct unit management reviews of the assessments and relevant
20 data. In performing those reviews, based upon the needs of the
21 inmate and in accordance with department programs and policies,
22 the teams shall seek input from appropriate professionals,
23 including, but not limited to:

24 (1) Social workers.

25 (2) Correctional counselors.

26 (3) Educational counselors.

27 (4) Vocational counselors.

28 (5) Psychologists.

29 (6) Physician's assistants or physicians.

30 (7) Mental health counselors.

31 (e) Based upon the data collected at the assessments, the
32 department shall develop specialized treatment protocols for
33 inmates specified in subdivision (a).