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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring a rehabilitation plan and a post-incarceration
2 plan for an inmate committed to the custody of the Iowa
3 department of corrections.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 904.502A Rehabilitation plan and
2 post-incarceration plan.

3 1. The superintendent of an institution shall, within six
4 months after the commitment or entrance of an inmate to an
5 institution under the jurisdiction of the department, develop
6 an individualized written plan and timeline for the inmate
7 directed toward the rehabilitation of the inmate and preparing
8 the inmate to live outside of the institution. The plan shall
9 include but is not limited to an assessment of the inmate's
10 needs in the following areas:

11 a. Academic and educational.

12 b. Career and job training.

13 c. Substance use disorder treatment.

14 d. Mental health or mental illness treatment, including
15 cognitive behavioral therapy designed to help the inmate change
16 the patterns of behavior that led to the inmate's criminal
17 activity.

18 e. Empathy and victim impact training.

19 f. Counseling related to parenting and family relationships.

20 2. Within six months of an inmate's potential release from
21 an institution, the superintendent shall assist each inmate
22 in preparing a post-incarceration plan to include but not be
23 limited to all of the following:

24 a. Workforce training including employment preparation
25 skills such as job readiness and job search techniques.

26 b. A plan for securing housing and work upon the inmate's
27 release.

28 c. Arranging substance use disorder treatment and mental
29 health services upon the inmate's release.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill requires the superintendent of each institution
34 under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections to
35 prepare a rehabilitation plan and a post-incarceration plan for

1 each inmate committed to the custody of the Iowa department of
2 corrections.

3 The bill provides that the superintendent of each Iowa
4 department of corrections institution shall, within six
5 months after the commitment or entrance of an inmate to
6 an institution, develop an individualized written plan and
7 timeline for each inmate directed toward the rehabilitation
8 of the inmate and preparing the inmate to live outside of the
9 institution. The plan shall include but is not limited to
10 an assessment of the inmate's needs in the following areas:
11 academic and educational, career and job training, substance
12 use disorder treatment, mental health or mental illness
13 treatment including cognitive behavioral therapy designed to
14 help the inmate change the patterns of behavior that led to
15 criminal activity, empathy and victim impact training, and
16 counseling related to parenting and family relationships.

17 The bill provides that within six months of an inmate's
18 potential release from an institution, the superintendent shall
19 assist each inmate in the preparation of a post-incarceration
20 plan to include but not be limited to workforce training
21 including employment preparation skills such as job readiness
22 and job search techniques, securing housing and work upon
23 the inmate's release, and arranging substance use disorder
24 treatment and mental health services upon the inmate's release.