Florida House of Representatives - 2000 By Representative Reddick

1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to a Citizens Committee on
3	Prisons; creating a Citizens Committee on
4	Prisons; providing purposes; specifying
5	membership; providing duties and
6	responsibilities; requiring reporting;
7	providing for funding of committee activities;
8	providing an effective date.
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10	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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12	Section 1.
13	(1) The Citizens Committee on Prisons is created in
14	the Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Legal Affairs.
15	The purpose of the committee is to ensure that there is
16	systemic oversight of how prisoners are treated.
17	(2) The committee shall consist of a prisoners rights
18	advocate, a psychologist, a psychiatrist, a representative of
19	local government, a social worker, a minister, a former
20	inmate, and an educator.
21	(3) The committee shall conduct regular visits to
22	state and local correctional facilities in this state for the
23	purpose of determining how prisoners at such facilities are
24	treated and if there is any evidence of prisoners being
25	deprived of any rights secured by the State Constitution or
26	the laws of this state. The committee may visit any state or
27	local correctional facility without notice. Administrative,
28	supervisory, and enforcement personnel at such facilities
29	shall cooperate with and provide assistance to the committee
30	in carrying out its charge under this act.
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The committee shall report to the Attorney General (4) and the Department of Corrections on its activities and the results and conclusions of any visits to correctional facilities. (5) Activities of the committee shall be funded through the Department of Corrections. Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. HOUSE SUMMARY Creates the Citizens Committee on Prisons in the Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Legal Affairs to ensure systemic oversight of prisoner treatment.

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