

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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