

By the Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations;  
and Senator Crist

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to correctional work programs; creating  
3 the Correctional Work Program Authority; assigning the  
4 authority to the Agency for Workforce Innovation for  
5 administrative purposes; providing a purpose for the  
6 authority; providing for membership of the authority;  
7 requiring that the authority meet by a specified date;  
8 requiring the authority to present a report to the  
9 Governor and the Legislature; specifying the content of  
10 the findings and the recommendations; providing for future  
11 expiration of provisions creating the authority; providing  
12 an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 Section 1. Correctional Work Program Authority; creation;  
17 members; powers and duties.--

18 (1) There is created the Correctional Work Program  
19 Authority, which is assigned to the Agency for Workforce  
20 Innovation for administrative purposes. The work program  
21 authority is created to evaluate the correctional work programs  
22 operating in this state and to make findings and recommendations  
23 concerning changes to practices and laws pertaining to the  
24 correctional work program. The authority shall serve in an  
25 advisory capacity to the Legislature and the Governor.

26 (2) The authority shall be composed of eight persons  
27 including:

28 (a) A person appointed by the Governor;

29 (b) A Senator appointed by the President of the Senate;

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30        (c) A Representative appointed by the Speaker of the House  
31 of Representatives;

32        (d) The Commissioner of Agriculture, or the commissioner's  
33 designee;

34        (e) The Chief Financial Officer, or the Chief Financial  
35 Officer's designee;

36        (f) The Attorney General, or the Attorney General's  
37 designee;

38        (g) The Secretary of Corrections, or the secretary's  
39 designee; and

40        (h) The chairman of PRIDE Enterprises, Inc.

41        (3) The authority is not subject to control, supervision,  
42 or direction by the Agency for Workforce Innovation or the  
43 Department of Corrections. The chair of the authority shall be  
44 selected by the members.

45        (4) Members of the authority shall serve without  
46 compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and  
47 travel expenses, which shall be paid by the appointing entity.

48        (5) The authority shall hold its first meeting by September  
49 1, 2008.

50        (6) On or before January 15, 2009, the correctional work  
51 program authority shall report to the Governor, the President of  
52 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on  
53 its preliminary findings and recommendations.

54        (7) The preliminary findings and recommendations shall  
55 address:

56        (a) How the current correctional work program operates.

57        (b) Whether the goals and objectives of the correctional  
58 work program fulfill a mission of vocational training and

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59 rehabilitation for inmates.

60 (c) Whether the programs have helped to reduce recidivism  
61 and provide offenders with skills needed to return to society as  
62 productive citizens.

63 (d) Whether current work program opportunities are adequate  
64 in providing skills needed for the economic development of this  
65 state.

66 (e) Whether additional correctional work program  
67 opportunities could be created to fulfill job skill needs and  
68 workforce demands in this state.

69 (f) What services or deliverables are currently produced by  
70 the correctional work program, and what additional services or  
71 deliverables could be developed.

72 (g) Whether the Prison Industries Enhancement (PIE) program  
73 should be expanded to further the relationship between the  
74 correctional work program and private industry.

75 (h) Which entity is most appropriate to hold the federal  
76 PIE program certificate.

77 (i) What are reasonable expectations for growth of the  
78 correctional work program.

79 (j) What legal impediments exist that discourage growth of  
80 correctional programs.

81 (k) What changes in current practices the Department of  
82 Corrections can incorporate to assist the corporation in carrying  
83 out the mission of the correctional work program.

84 (8) This section expires June 30, 2009.

85 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.