

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the treatment of inmates; creating  
 3           s. 944.092, F.S.; specifying certain rights of inmates  
 4           in the state correctional system; requiring a written  
 5           copy of the rights to be provided to each inmate;  
 6           authorizing relief for deprivation of rights;  
 7           providing an effective date.

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

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 11           Section 1.   Section 944.092, Florida Statutes, is created  
 12   to read:

13           944.092 Basic rights of inmates.-

14           (1) Each inmate in the correctional system has the right  
 15   to:

16           (a) Proper ventilation. All housing units must have air  
 17   conditioning systems or air cooling systems; however, housing  
 18   units in use on or before July 1, 2021, which cannot be fitted  
 19   for air conditioning or air cooling systems shall receive  
 20   exhaust and air circulators sufficient to provide a safe and  
 21   healthful environment for inmates.

22           (b) Sufficient meal time. Inmates must receive a minimum  
 23   of 20 minutes to eat each meal. The minimum time shall be  
 24   extended to the amount necessary for an inmate to complete the  
 25   meal if the inmate receives an approved medical reason for an

26 extension.

27 (c) Adequate food supply in case of emergency. Each  
 28 correctional institution shall establish a program with one or  
 29 more community food banks located near the institution to ensure  
 30 adequate food supply is made available to the inmate population  
 31 when and if conditions exist that prevent regular food supply  
 32 services in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency.

33 (d) Necessary health supplies. The department must provide:

34 1. Necessary personal protective equipment for medical  
 35 staff at all times and for all staff and inmates during health  
 36 crises or during any cleaning.

37 2. Necessary health products for inmates including, but  
 38 not limited to, sanitary napkins, tampons, soap, and toothpaste,  
 39 upon request of inmates.

40 (2) The department shall provide a written copy of the  
 41 rights established in this section to each inmate upon his or  
 42 her entry in to the correctional system.

43 (3) An inmate may file a grievance with the department if  
 44 the inmate believes a right guaranteed in this section is denied  
 45 by a correctional institution.

46 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.