

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 correctional system; requiring a written copy
 5 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) RIGHTS.-Each inmate in the correctional system has the
 15 right 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, 2022, 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 if conditions exist that prevent regular food supply services
32 due to an event such as 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) NOTICE.—The department shall provide a written copy of
41 the rights established in this section to each inmate upon his
42 or her entry in to the correctional system.

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

46 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.