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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. 8 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 11 Section 1. Section 944.092, Florida Statutes, is created to read: 12 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, 2023, which cannot be fitted 19 for air conditioning or air cooling systems, shall receive 20 exhaust fans and air circulators sufficient to provide a safe 21 and healthful environment for inmates. (b) Sufficient meal time.—Inmates must receive at least 20 22 23 minutes to eat each meal. The minimum time shall be extended to 24 the amount necessary for an inmate to complete the meal if the

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inmate receives an approved medical reason for an extension.

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(c) Adequate food supply in case of emergencyEach
correctional institution shall establish a program with one or
more community food banks located near the institution to ensure
an adequate food supply is made available to the inmate
population if conditions exist that prevent regular food supply
services due to an event such as a natural disaster or other
emergency.

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

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- 1. Necessary personal protective equipment for medical staff at all times and for all staff and inmates during health crises or during cleaning.
- 2. Necessary health products for inmates including, but not limited to, sanitary napkins, tampons, soap, and toothpaste, upon request of the inmates.
- (e) Medical care.—The department must provide inmates with adequate medical care for their medical needs.
- (2) NOTICE.—The department shall provide a written copy of the rights established in this section to each inmate upon his or her entry into the correctional system.
- (3) GRIEVANCES.—An inmate may file a grievance with the department if the inmate believes a right guaranteed in this section is being denied by a correctional institution.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.