

Amendment No. 988

Senate Amendment to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9 First Reprint	(BDR R-1223)
Proposed by: Senator Smith	
Amendment Box: Replaces Amendment No. 978.	
Amends: Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: Amend Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: No	

ASSEMBLY ACTION				Initial and Date	SENATE ACTION				Initial and Date
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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) *green bold italic underlining* is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment; and (6) *green bold underlining* is newly added transitory language.

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Date: 6/3/2013

S.C.R. No. 9—Directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study regarding working conditions at state correctional institutions and facilities. (BDR R-1223)



SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—COMMITTEE
ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

MAY 15, 2013

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study regarding working conditions at state correctional institutions and facilities ~~++~~ and relating to the supervision of offenders. (BDR R-1223)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~{omitted material}~~ is material to be omitted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study regarding working conditions at state correctional institutions and facilities ~~++~~ and relating to the supervision of offenders.

WHEREAS, Our State needs safe, secure, efficient and effective correctional institutions and facilities for the proper functioning of our State's criminal justice system and for the maintenance of a well-functioning society in our State; and

WHEREAS, Safe, secure, efficient and effective correctional institutions and facilities cannot exist without the dedicated, hard-working correctional officers, employees and other persons who work in these potentially difficult, stressful and dangerous environments; and

WHEREAS, The correctional officers, employees and other persons who work at this State's correctional institutions and facilities cannot do their work efficiently and effectively and maintain safe and secure environments in these institutions and facilities without appropriate staffing levels at the institutions and facilities, without well-designed policies and procedures governing the entire system of institutions and facilities and without well-monitored and supportive management practices in place at each institution and facility; and

WHEREAS, Appropriate staffing levels and the proper functioning of our State's criminal justice system can be significantly impacted by the systems, policies and procedures which govern the parole or probation of offenders in our State; and

WHEREAS, The staffing levels at this State's correctional institutions and facilities, the policies and procedures ~~{governing}~~ affecting this State's system of correctional institutions and facilities, including, without limitation, those affecting parole or probation of offenders, and the management practices at each institution and facility all dramatically affect working conditions and the proper functioning of our State's criminal justice system and should be regularly examined to ensure that they remain appropriate and effective for the physical

1 safety and psychological support of correctional officers, employees and other
2 persons who work at this State's correctional institutions and facilities, in addition
3 to ensuring that they remain appropriate and effective in providing safe, secure,
4 efficient and effective correctional institutions and facilities for all offenders, all
5 other persons associated with the institutions and facilities and all other members of
6 the public; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
8 CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby directed to appoint a
9 committee to conduct an interim study of ~~the~~;

10 1. The working conditions at this State's correctional institutions and
11 facilities to ensure that:

12 ~~++~~ (a) The staffing levels are adequate and appropriate;

13 ~~++~~ (b) The system-wide policies and procedures are appropriate and
14 effective;

15 ~~++~~ (c) Appropriate and effective management practices are in place to protect
16 the physical safety and to support the psychological well-being of all correctional
17 officers, employees and other persons who work at the institutions and facilities;
18 and

19 ~~++~~ (d) The system as a whole is providing the safe, secure, efficient and
20 effective correctional institutions and facilities this State needs and deserves; and

21 2. The systems, policies and procedures which govern the supervision of
22 offenders in our State to ensure that they are appropriate and effective; and be it
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That, as soon as practicable after July 1, 2013, the Legislative
25 Commission shall appoint a committee composed of three members of the Senate
26 and three members of the Assembly to conduct the study, one of whom must be
27 appointed by the Commission to serve as Chair of the committee; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the committee shall consult with and solicit input from
29 persons and organizations with expertise in matters relevant to ~~this State's~~
30 ~~correctional institutions and facilities;~~ the study including, without limitation,
31 consulting with and soliciting input from correctional officers, employees and other
32 persons who work at the institutions and facilities ~~++~~ as well as persons who have
33 experience relating to the supervision of offenders; and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That ~~in studying this State's correctional institutions and facilities,~~
35 ~~the committee shall consider, without limitation;~~ the study must include, without
36 limitation:

37 1. ~~Other;~~ A review of other states' laws, staffing levels, policies, procedures
38 and management practices relating to correctional institutions and facilities; ~~and;~~

39 2. ~~The~~ Consideration of advisability of using staffing committees
40 comprised of both persons who hold managerial positions and persons who hold
41 nonmanagerial positions to develop staffing plans and to make recommendations
42 for policies, procedures and management practices relating to this State's
43 correctional institutions and facilities;

44 3. A survey of the parole systems of this State and other states and
45 territories of the United States;

46 4. A review of data from states that replaced discretionary parole systems
47 with determinate sentencing systems;

48 5. A review of whether the Division of Parole and Probation of the
49 Department of Public Safety or any of its functions or duties should be
50 reorganized or transferred to the Department of Corrections; and

51 6. A review of any other matter relating to the supervision of offenders
52 that the committee determines is relevant to the study; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the committee appointed by the Legislative Commission to
2 conduct this interim study shall submit a report of its findings, including, without
3 limitation, any proposed changes to staffing levels, policies, procedures or
4 management practices relating to this State's correctional institutions and facilities,
5 and policies and procedures relating to the supervision of offenders and any
6 recommendations for legislation, to the 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature; and
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this
9 resolution to each member of the Board of State Prison Commissioners and to the
10 Director of the Department of Corrections.