

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.

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

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

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



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

5 WHEREAS, The staffing levels at this State's correctional
6 institutions and facilities, the policies and procedures affecting this
7 State's system of correctional institutions and facilities, including,
8 without limitation, those affecting parole or probation of offenders,
9 and the management practices at each institution and facility all
10 dramatically affect working conditions and the proper functioning of
11 our State's criminal justice system and should be regularly
12 examined to ensure that they remain appropriate and effective for
13 the physical safety and psychological support of correctional
14 officers, employees and other persons who work at this State's
15 correctional institutions and facilities, in addition to ensuring that
16 they remain appropriate and effective in providing safe, secure,
17 efficient and effective correctional institutions and facilities for all
18 offenders, all other persons associated with the institutions and
19 facilities and all other members of the public; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
21 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is
22 hereby directed to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study
23 of:

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

26 (a) The staffing levels are adequate and appropriate;

27 (b) The system-wide policies and procedures are appropriate and
28 effective;

29 (c) Appropriate and effective management practices are in place
30 to protect the physical safety and to support the psychological well-
31 being of all correctional officers, employees and other persons who
32 work at the institutions and facilities; and

33 (d) The system as a whole is providing the safe, secure, efficient
34 and effective correctional institutions and facilities this State needs
35 and deserves; and

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

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

44 RESOLVED, That the committee shall consult with and solicit
45 input from persons and organizations with expertise in matters



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1 relevant to the study including, without limitation, consulting with
2 and soliciting input from correctional officers, employees and other
3 persons who work at the institutions and facilities, as well as
4 persons who have experience relating to the supervision of
5 offenders; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the study must include, without limitation:

7 1. A review of other states' laws, staffing levels, policies,
8 procedures and management practices relating to correctional
9 institutions and facilities;

10 2. Consideration of advisability of using staffing committees
11 comprised of both persons who hold managerial positions and
12 persons who hold nonmanagerial positions to develop staffing plans
13 and to make recommendations for policies, procedures and
14 management practices relating to this State's correctional
15 institutions and facilities;

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

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

20 5. A review of whether the Division of Parole and Probation of
21 the Department of Public Safety or any of its functions or duties
22 should be reorganized or transferred to the Department of
23 Corrections; and

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

27 RESOLVED, That the committee appointed by the Legislative
28 Commission to conduct this interim study shall submit a report of its
29 findings, including, without limitation, any proposed changes to
30 staffing levels, policies, procedures or management practices
31 relating to this State's correctional institutions and facilities, and
32 policies and procedures relating to the supervision of offenders and
33 any recommendations for legislation, to the 78th Session of the
34 Nevada Legislature; and be it further

35 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
36 transmit a copy of this resolution to each member of the Board of
37 State Prison Commissioners and to the Director of the Department
38 of Corrections.

