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To enact sections 5120.034 and 5139.14 of the Revised  
Code to allow representatives of faith-based and  
other community organizations to provide reentry  
services to persons in the custody of the  
Department of Rehabilitation and Correction or the  
Department of Youth Services.

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### BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

**Section 1.** That sections 5120.034 and 5139.14 of the Revised  
Code be enacted to read as follows:

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**Sec. 5120.034.** (A)(1) The department of rehabilitation and  
correction shall permit representatives of all nonprofit  
faith-based, business, professional, civic, educational, and  
community organizations that are registered with the department to  
enter institutions under the control of the department for the  
purpose of providing reentry services to inmates. Reentry services  
may include, but are not limited to, counseling, housing,  
job-placement, and money-management assistance.

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(2) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119.

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of the Revised Code for the screening and registration of  
nonprofit faith-based, business, professional, civic, educational,  
and community organizations that apply to provide reentry services  
in institutions under the department's control.

(B)(1) The department shall post a department telephone  
number on the department's official internet web site that  
nonprofit faith-based, business, professional, civic, educational,  
and community organizations that wish to provide reentry services  
to inmates may call to obtain information. The internet web site  
also shall list all of the nonprofit faith-based, business,  
professional, civic, educational, and community organizations that  
are registered with the department under this section.

(2) The department shall actively recruit nonprofit  
faith-based, business, professional, civic, educational, and  
community organizations to provide reentry services in  
institutions under the department's control. The department shall  
recruit nonprofit organizations from all faiths and beliefs.

(C) Annually, the department shall issue a written report on  
the department's progress in implementing the recommendations of  
the correctional faith-based initiatives task force. The  
department shall provide a copy of the written report to each  
member of the correctional institution inspection committee  
created under section 103.71 of the Revised Code.

(D) The department shall not endorse or sponsor any  
faith-based reentry program or endorse any specific religious  
message. The department may not require an inmate to participate  
in a faith-based program.

**Sec. 5139.14.** (A)(1) The department of youth services shall  
permit representatives of all nonprofit faith-based, business,  
professional, civic, educational, and community organizations that  
are registered with the department to enter institutions that are

under the department's control and management for the purpose of 49  
providing reentry services to delinquent children in the 50  
department's custody. Reentry services may include, but are not 51  
limited to, counseling, housing, job-placement, and 52  
money-management assistance. 53

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to participate in a faith-based program. 84