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**A B I L L**

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.

**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:

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, 15  
job-placement, and money-management assistance. 16

(2) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. 17  
of the Revised Code for the screening and registration of 18  
nonprofit faith-based, business, professional, civic, educational, 19  
and community organizations that apply to provide reentry services 20  
in institutions under the department's control. 21

(B)(1) The department shall post a department telephone 22  
number on the department's official internet web site that 23  
nonprofit faith-based, business, professional, civic, educational, 24  
and community organizations that wish to provide reentry services 25  
to inmates may call to obtain information. The internet web site 26  
also shall list all of the nonprofit faith-based, business, 27  
professional, civic, educational, and community organizations that 28  
are registered with the department under this section. 29

(2) The department shall actively recruit nonprofit 30  
faith-based, business, professional, civic, educational, and 31  
community organizations to provide reentry services in 32  
institutions under the department's control. The department shall 33  
recruit nonprofit organizations from all faiths and beliefs. 34

(C) Annually, the department shall issue a written report on 35  
the department's progress in implementing the recommendations of 36  
the correctional faith-based initiatives task force. The 37  
department shall provide a copy of the written report to each 38  
member of the correctional institution inspection committee 39  
created under section 103.71 of the Revised Code. 40

(D) The department shall not endorse or sponsor any 41  
faith-based reentry program or endorse any specific religious 42  
message. The department may not require an inmate to participate 43  
in a faith-based program. 44

Sec. 5139.14. (A)(1) The department of youth services shall 45  
permit representatives of all nonprofit faith-based, business, 46  
professional, civic, educational, and community organizations that 47  
are registered with the department to enter institutions that are 48  
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