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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.

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(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.

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(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.

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(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.

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(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.

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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

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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
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<u>faith-based reentry program or endorse any specific religious</u>	82
<u>message. The department may not require any child in its custody</u>	83
<u>to participate in a faith-based program.</u>	84