

HOUSE BILL NO. 6326

November 10, 2020, Introduced by Rep. Albert and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled
"Corrections code of 1953,"
(MCL 791.201 to 791.285) by adding section 8b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 8b. (1) The correctional officer wellness agency is**
2 **created as an autonomous entity within the department. The**
3 **correctional officer wellness agency board is created to govern the**
4 **agency and consists of the following 5 members:**

5 **(a) One individual selected and appointed by the director of**
6 **the department.**

1 (b) One individual selected and appointed by the governor from
2 recommendations provided by the state correctional officer union.

3 (c) One individual selected and appointed by the governor who
4 is a mental health expert.

5 (d) One individual selected and appointed by the governor to
6 represent the corrections training council.

7 (e) One individual selected and appointed by the governor who
8 is a correctional officer or another employee of the department who
9 works directly with prisoners in a correctional facility.

10 (2) The members first appointed to the correctional officer
11 wellness agency board must be appointed within 90 days after the
12 effective date of the amendatory act that added this section.

13 (3) Members of the correctional officer wellness agency board
14 shall serve for terms of 2 years or until a successor is appointed,
15 whichever is later.

16 (4) If a vacancy occurs on the correctional officer wellness
17 agency board, the appointment of for the unexpired term must be
18 made in the same manner as the original appointment.

19 (5) The governor may remove a member of the correctional
20 officer wellness agency board for incompetence, dereliction of
21 duty, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, or any
22 other good cause.

23 (6) Four of the members of the correctional officer wellness
24 agency board constitute a quorum. A majority of the members present
25 and serving are required for official action of the correctional
26 officer wellness agency board.

27 (7) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or
28 retained by the correctional officer wellness agency in the
29 performance of an official function is subject to the freedom of

1 information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

2 (8) The correctional officer wellness agency board shall
3 select a director of the agency who will report to the board. The
4 correctional officer wellness agency board shall do all of the
5 following:

6 (a) Subject to section 5 of article XI of the state
7 constitution of 1963 and in consultation with the director of the
8 agency, make correctional officer wellness agency employment
9 decisions.

10 (b) Provide oversight of the correctional officer wellness
11 agency.

12 (c) Set metrics and goals for any allocations for state
13 correctional officer wellness funding.

14 (d) Provide the department with access to experts on state
15 correction officer wellness models used in other industries and
16 states.

17 (e) Create state correctional officer wellness programs and
18 training pilots.

19 (f) Review and access current department policies related to
20 state correctional officer wellness to suggest improvements or new
21 initiatives.

22 (g) Hold quarterly meetings for progress reports and to access
23 the impact of the correctional officer wellness agency.

24 (h) Create an annual report that includes new procedures and
25 recommendations for addressing state correctional officer wellness.

26 (9) The correctional officer wellness agency is vested with
27 the authority to provide wellness services for state correctional
28 officers.

29 (10) As used in this section:

1 (a) "State correctional officer" means an individual employed
2 by the department in a correctional facility as a correctional
3 officer.

4 (b) "Wellness services" means services that address issues
5 related to the health and well-being of state correctional
6 officers, including, but not limited to, employee engagement and
7 retention, and officer depression and rates of suicide.