

SENATE BILL NO. 694

December 11, 2019, Introduced by Senator MCBROOM and referred to the Committee on
Judiciary and Public Safety.

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled
"Corrections code of 1953,"
(MCL 791.201 to 791.285) by adding section 20.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 20. (1) If the department plans to close a correctional**
2 **facility, the department shall consider the potential economic**
3 **impact the correctional facility closure will have on the impacted**
4 **local community.**

5 **(2) Not less than 1 year before closing a correctional**

1 facility, the department shall submit a report on the impact of and
2 the actual and projected savings from closing the correctional
3 facility to the appropriations subcommittees of the senate and
4 house of representatives concerned with corrections, the senate and
5 house fiscal agencies, the legislative corrections ombudsman, and
6 the state budget office. The report must be made available to the
7 public.

8 (3) The department shall include, but is not limited to
9 including, the following information in the report required under
10 subsection (2):

11 (a) Age of and cost to operate each correctional facility.

12 (b) Any need for additional improvements or renovations to a
13 correctional facility.

14 (c) Operational needs and custody levels of each correctional
15 facility.

16 (d) Capacity levels and current prisoner counts for each
17 correctional facility.

18 (e) Cost to relocate prisoners to another correctional
19 facility.

20 (f) Cost to relocate correctional officers and other employees
21 of the department.

22 (g) Distance between the correctional facility that may be
23 closed and other correctional facilities.

24 (h) Specialized programming that is offered at the
25 correctional facility that may be closed and any plan to continue
26 that specialized programming at another correctional facility.

27 (i) County unemployment rates.

28 (j) The following information regarding each impacted local
29 community:

1 (i) Potential job loss from the closure of the correctional
2 facility, and current number of unemployed workers and unemployment
3 rates.

4 (ii) Number of individuals who have graduated from high school
5 or obtained a high school equivalency certificate, or graduated
6 from community college or a career and technical education program.

7 (iii) Number of individuals with disabilities.

8 (iv) Number of assistance program recipients.

9 (v) Per capita personal income.

10 (vi) Population, labor force, and employment trends.

11 (vii) Five top employers.

12 (viii) Impact on schools, including, but not limited to,
13 enrollment and funding.

14 (ix) Impact on local vendors.

15 (4) The department shall provide in the report required under
16 subsection (2) the justification for the department's proposed
17 selection of a correctional facility for closure and a detailed
18 analysis of how the information under subsection (3) impacts the
19 department's selection.

20 (5) If the department determines it may close a correctional
21 facility, the department shall hold a public hearing to permit the
22 public a direct and comprehensive opportunity to recite any
23 concerns to the department regarding the proposed closure. The
24 hearing must comply with all of the following requirements:

25 (a) The hearing is in the community in which the correctional
26 facility is located.

27 (b) The hearing is in a building of a sufficient size to
28 accommodate expected attendance.

1 (c) The hearing is held not less than 30 days after the report
2 under subsection (2) is made available to the public and not less
3 than 6 months before a correctional facility will be closed.

4 (6) The department shall cause the state agency responsible
5 for completing appraisals to perform a physical inspection and
6 appraisal of any correctional facility the department proposes to
7 close.

8 (7) As used in this section, "impacted local community" means
9 the county and the city, township, or village in which an
10 individual who is employed by the department in a correctional
11 facility that may be closed resides.