

HOUSE BILL NO. 4467

March 09, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Lightner, Albert and Anthony and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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**

1 the department.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (7) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or
29 retained by the correctional officer wellness agency in the

1 performance of an official function is subject to the freedom of
2 information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
2 unless Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 4468 (request no.
3 02236'21) of the 101st Legislature is enacted into law.