



SENATE BILL 579: Prison Reform Act of 2019.

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of the bill as it was
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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 579 would have the Program Evaluation Division study alternative organization and management structures for the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice.*

BACKGROUND: In 2013, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) combined the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Adult Correction into a consolidated division, the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice (DACJJ).

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 of Senate Bill 579 would have the Program Evaluation Division (PED) study alternative organization and management structures for the DACJJ.

PED would study the following four alternatives to the current DACJJ:

1. The Department of Correction- a new State department.
2. The Department of Juvenile Justice- a new State department.
3. The Division of Correction- an independent agency administratively located in DPS.
4. The Division of Juvenile Justice- an independent agency administratively located in DPS.

Section 2 of Senate Bill 579 would have the PED study the following aspects of each of the four proposed alternatives to the current DACJJ:

1. Organization including administration and personnel.
2. Budget including the cost of each new department or division and any required salary expenses.
3. Considerations such the advantages and disadvantages of each new department or division.
4. Implementation details such as a plan, proposed legislation, and a timeline.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

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