

46-2802. Same; development of corrections master plan; assistance from secretary of DOC; contents of master plan. (a) The joint committee on corrections and juvenile justice oversight shall develop and adopt a 10 year corrections master plan to guide the development and expansion of correctional programs and facilities.

(b) In order to assist the committee in the development of such master plan, the secretary of corrections, on or before September 1, 1997, shall draft a scope statement concerning the master plan to be presented to the committee. The secretary may retain such experts and consultants as are necessary to develop the scope statement.

(c) In developing the master plan, the committee may request assistance and expertise from the secretary of corrections as well as other state agencies.

(d) The master plan shall address or develop, or both:

(1) Enhanced or expanded community corrections programs. The plan shall address how such programs may slow the growth of the need for new prison beds or reduce the need for new prison beds. Review of community correction programs may include, but not be limited to, intensive supervision, short-term jail sentences, halfway houses and community-based work;

(2) any future expansion of state correctional facilities;

(3) other alternatives to incarceration consistent with public safety;

(4) allowing the court to revoke a defendant's probation, assignment to community corrections or conditional release, order the offender committed to the custody of the secretary of corrections and retain jurisdiction for 120 days to modify the sentence or order for revocation;

(5) a guide for community-based facilities;

(6) consolidation or centralization of field services;

(7) private expansion with specific recommendations on criteria to guide the determination of any program appropriate for privatization, to assist in determining the placement of any such facility and to guide in the selection of any private provider;

(8) specific programs to deal with specific populations within the existing state facilities that could be served in the community to ease capacity demands on the existing state institutions and the cost basis and effectiveness of such programs;

(9) contracts with profit or nonprofit corporations which would serve to reduce the demands on the state facilities;

(10) projected costs of any such plans developed or recommended; and

(11) identify any revenue source sufficient to appropriately fund any plans developed or recommended.

History: L. 1997, ch. 179, § 1; May 22.