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DRCCD11 Body-worn cameras – correctional and youth services employees

R.C. 149.43

Modifies the public records exception for "restricted portions of a body-worn or dashboard camera recording" by adding a reference to correctional employees and youth services employees in each place there is a reference to peace officers and law enforcement.

Fiscal effect: Potential savings, as this modification may make it is easier for DRC and DYS to determine what is a public record than otherwise may been the case under a related body-worn camera provision taking effect April 4, 2023 pursuant to S.B. 288 enacted by the 134th G.A.

DRCCD13 Offense of “engaging in prostitution with a person with a developmental disability”

R.C. 2907.231

Creates the offense of “engaging in prostitution with a person with a developmental disability” and makes a violation a third degree felony (under current law a violation of the offense of engaging in prostitution is a first degree misdemeanor).

Defines “person with a developmental disability” as a person whose ability to resist or consent to an act is substantially impaired because of a mental or physical condition or because of advanced age.

Prohibits a person from recklessly inducing, enticing, or procuring another to engage in sexual activity for hire in exchange for the person giving anything of value to the other person if the other person is a person with a developmental disability and the offender knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the other person is a person with a developmental disability.

Fiscal effect: Minimal impact on state and local criminal justice systems.

DRCCD12 Disability intimidation

R.C. 2927.12

Creates the offense of “disability intimidation” and makes a violation an offense of the next higher degree than the offense the commission of which is a necessary element of disability intimidation.

Defines the term “disability” as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, including the functions of caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working; a record of a physical or mental impairment; or being regarded as having a physical or mental impairment.

Prohibits a person from committing aggravated menacing, menacing, criminal damaging or endangering, criminal mischief, or specified prohibited telecommunications harassment conduct by reason of the disability of another person or group of persons if the other person is a person with a disability, the person knows or reasonably should know that the other person is a person with a disability, and it is the person's specific purpose to commit the offense against a person with a disability.

Fiscal effect: Minimal impact on state and local criminal justice systems.

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DRCCD8 Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison (T-CAP) Program

R.C. 2929.34, 5149.38

Permits a voluntary county to participate in the Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison (T-CAP) Program by submitting a memorandum of understanding (MOU), either as a single county or jointly with other counties, to DRC for approval.

Requires DRC to establish deadlines for a voluntary county to indicate the voluntary county’s participation in the T-CAP Program before each state fiscal biennium.

Requires DRC, in reviewing a submitted MOU, to prioritize a voluntary county that has previously been a voluntary county.

Permits DRC to review a MOU for a new voluntary county if the General Assembly has appropriated sufficient funds for that purpose.

Changes the program name “Targeting Community Alternatives to Prison” to “Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison.”

Fiscal effect: Certain counties could receive more or less funding than otherwise may have been the case under current law and practice.

DRCCD9 Victim conference communications

R.C. 2930.16

Provides that communications during a victim conference held prior to a parole hearing in the case of a prisoner who is incarcerated for the commission of aggravated murder, murder, or an offense of violence that is a felony of the first, second, or third degree or is under a sentence of life imprisonment are confidential and are not public records.

Fiscal effect: None, as codifies current practice.

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DRCCD10 "Unfavorable" termination of post-release control

R.C. 2967.16

Changes the law pertaining to the Adult Parole Authority's (APA's) functions with respect to the termination of an offender's post-release control (PRC) as follows:

Replaces the requirement that APA classify the termination as "favorable" or "unfavorable," depending on the offender's conduct and compliance with the supervision conditions, with language that instead authorizes APA to classify the termination as "unfavorable" if the offender's conduct and compliance with the supervision conditions is unsatisfactory.

Specifies that if APA does not classify the termination of PRC as "unfavorable," the offender's conduct and compliance with supervision conditions may not be considered as an "unfavorable" termination by a court when considering the factors described in the Felony Sentencing Law at a future sentencing hearing for a felony.

Eliminates the reference to "favorable" in a provision that requires DRC to adopt a rule establishing the criteria for classification of a PRC termination as "favorable" or "unfavorable."

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal savings.

DRCCD17 Workers' compensation coverage for inmates working under a Federal Prison Industries Enhancement Certification Program

R.C. 4123.543, 5145.163

Eliminates a requirement that inmates participating in the Federal Prison Industries Enhancement Certification Program must be covered by a disability insurance policy to provide benefits for loss of earning capacity due to an injury and for medical treatment of the injury following the inmate's release from prison (For more detailed analysis of these changes, please see the Workers' compensation coverage for certain prison laborers section (pages 301-303) of the LSC Bill Analysis for H.B. 33.).

Makes the inmates "employees" of DRC or the private participant in an enterprise under the program for workers compensation purposes, but for no other purpose.

Allows an inmate who is injured or who contracts an occupational disease arising out of participation in authorized work activity in the program to file a workers' compensation claim while the claimant is in the custody of DRC.

Allows a dependent of an inmate who is killed or dies as the result of an occupational disease contracted in the course of participation in authorized work activity in program to file a workers' compensation claim.

Requires DRC to provide and pay for all medical care rendered to an inmate related to an injury or occupational disease while the inmate is imprisoned.

Allows a claimant to request a review by DRC's chief medical officer, and in the event of an appeal, a medical evaluation from a medical practitioner affiliated within DRC's network of third-party medical contractors or a medical practitioner in a workers' compensation managed care organization located in Franklin County.

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Prohibits compensation or benefits under a claim from being paid to a claimant during the period of a claimant's confinement in any correctional institution or county jail (this is consistent with a continuing law prohibition on receiving compensation or benefits while imprisoned) and requires any remaining amount of a claim to be paid to a claimant after the claimant is released from imprisonment.

Allows the BWC Administrator to adopt necessary rules.

Allows DRC to approve a private party to participate in an employer model enterprise.

Fiscal effect: For DRC, (1) potential revenue gain from the utilization of inmate labor to produce goods or render services, and (2) potential expenditure increase to pay inmate wages and related payroll expenses, program operation and management expenses, and medical treatment of injured inmates while imprisoned. For the State Insurance Fund, (1) potential gain in DRC worker's compensation premiums and (2) potential increase to pay compensation and medical benefits to an inmate released from prison who was injured or who contracted an occupational disease arising out of participation in authorized work activity in the program.

DRCCD7 Ohio Penal Industries GED requirement

R.C. 5145.161

Requires DRC to allow prisoners working toward completion of a high school diploma or equivalent to participate in Ohio Penal Industries (OPI).

Fiscal effect: Minimal impact on OPI revenues and expenditures.

DRCCD14 Full Parole Board hearings

R.C. 5149.101

Removes: (a) the ability for a Board hearing officer, a Board member, or the Office of Victims' Services to petition the Board for a full Parole Board hearing that relates to the proposed parole or re-parole of a prisoner, including when the offense was committed by a minor, and (b) the requirement that, at such a meeting of the Board at which a majority of members are present, the majority of those present determine whether a full Board meeting will be held.

Provides that, if a victim of aggravated murder, murder, a felony offense of violence of the first, second, or third degree, or an offense punished by a sentence of life imprisonment, the victim's representative, or specified family members of the victim (spouse, parent/parents, sibling, or child/children) requests a full Board hearing that relates to the proposed parole or re-parole of a prisoner that committed the violation, it must be through the Office of Victims' Services (current law does not specify to whom such a request is to be made).

Permits family members of the victim not specified above to request, through the Office of Victims' Services, for the Board to hold a full Board hearing that relates to the proposed parole or re-parole of a person who committed aggravated murder, murder, a felony offense of violence of the first, second, or third degree, or an offense punished by a sentence of life imprisonment, and if such a request is made, requires the majority of those present at the Board meeting to determine whether a full Board hearing will be held.

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Permits the prosecuting attorney to submit a request directly to the Board to hold a full Board hearing that relates to the proposed parole or re-parole of a person who committed aggravated murder, murder, a felony offense of violence of the first, second, or third degree, or an offense punished by a sentence of life imprisonment, and requires the Board to hold a full Board hearing.

Allows the State Public Defender, when designated by DRC, to appear at a full Board hearing and to give testimony or to submit a written statement (unchanged is current law that requires the Board to permit counsel or another person designated by the prisoner as a representative to appear and to give testimony or to submit a written statement).

Fiscal effect: None, as largely codifies current practice.

DRCCD1 Expedited pardon initiative

Section: 383.10

Earmarks up to \$750,000 in each fiscal year of GRF ALI 501321, Institutional Operations, to be used by DRC to support projects connecting rehabilitated citizens with community projects to advance the expedited pardon initiative and to help eligible individuals navigate the process and access clemency.

DRCCD2 OSU medical charges

Section: 383.10

Requires The Ohio State University Medical Center, including the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute and the Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital, at the request of DRC, to provide necessary care to persons who are confined in state adult correctional facilities.

Requires the provision of necessary inpatient care billed to DRC to be reimbursed at a rate not to exceed the authorized reimbursement rate for the same service established by the ODM under the Medicaid Program

DRCCD3 Transitional housing funding

Section: 383.10

Requires, with regard to use of GRF ALI 501405, Halfway House, priority be given to residential providers that accept and place individuals released from institutions operated by DRC to the supervision of the Adult Parole Authority who were previously rejected by all other residential providers.

DRCCD4 Adult Correctional Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments

Section: 383.10

Requires GRF ALI 501406, Adult Correctional Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, to be used to meet all payments during the biennium by DRC for leases and agreements for buildings. Specifies that the ALI is the source of funds pledged for bond service charges on related obligations issued under the state’s capital improvements and debt financing program.

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DRCCD5 Reentry employment grants

Section: 383.10

Permits \$275,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 503321, Parole and Community Operations, to be used for grants to nonprofit organizations that operate reentry employment programs that meet certain criteria.

DRCCD6 Probation Improvement and Incentive Grants

Section: 383.10

Requires Fund 5TZ0 ALI 501610, Probation Improvement and Incentive Grants, to be allocated by DRC to municipalities as grants with an emphasis on: (1) providing services to those addicted to opiates and other illegal substances, and (2) supplementing the programs and services funded by grants distributed from GRF ALI 501407, Community Nonresidential Programs.

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GOVCD3 Electronic notification, meeting, and data storage law changes

R.C. 127.15, 173.03, 753.19, 1121.38, 1509.06, 1513.071, 1513.08, 1513.16, 1565.12, 1571.05, 1571.08, 1571.10, 1571.14, 1571.15, 1571.16, 1707.02, 1707.04, 1707.042, 1707.091, 1707.11, 1707.43, 1733.16, 2941.401, 3111.23, 3301.05, 3302.04, 3310.521, 3313.41, 3313.818, 3314.21, 3319.081, 3319.11, 3319.16, 3319.291, 3319.311, 3321.13, 3321.21, 3704.03, 3734.02, 3734.021, 3734.575, 3746.09, 3752.11, 3772.031, 3772.04, 3772.11, 3772.12, 3772.13, 3772.131, 3781.08, 3781.11, 3781.25, 3781.29, 3781.342, 3904.08, 4121.19, 4123.512, 4123.52, 4125.03, 4141.09, 4141.47, 4167.10, 4301.17, 4301.30, 4303.24, 4507.081, 4508.021, 4509.101, 4510.03, 4510.41, 4735.13, 4735.14, 5107.161, 5120.14, 5165.193, 5165.86, 5166.303, 5168.08, 5168.22, 5168.23, 5525.01, 5703.37, 5709.83, 5736.041, 5751.40, 1509.031, 3745.019, Repealed: R.C. 5123.195

Implements a 2020 initiative of the Common Sense Initiative to make changes throughout the Revised Code to partly reflect the advancements in technology related to notifications, meetings, data storage, and certain other government functions. (For more detailed analysis of these changes, please see the Electronic Notification and Meetings section (pages 311-338) of the LSC Bill Analysis for H.B. 33.)

Makes specific changes, including removal of obsolete provisions, to facilitate the use of electronic communications, including websites, in the daily operations for the following entities: CAC, COM, DODD, ODE, Ohio EPA, INS, ODJFS, ODPS, PUCO, TAX, ODOT, and ODWIS.

Modifies the type of communication media through which a required notice of events or services may be made by generally adding the option of electronic, including email, delivery or mail delivery by a commercial/common carrier and removing the outdated telegraph method for the following entities: CEB, CAC, COM, ODE, Ohio EPA, ODJFS, ODM, ODNR, PUCO, DRC, ODWIS, and municipalities.

Permits meeting via electronic means, instead of in-person meetings, on specified matters provided that the meetings still allow for interactive public attendance for the following entities: Ohio Advisory Council for the Aging, Internet- or computer-based community schools, school districts or other public schools, ODPS-Register of Motor Vehicles, counties, townships, and municipalities.

Permits or requires the establishment of electronic means of submission for such services as licensure, approvals, and other by the following entities: ODNR’s Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management, school districts, ODE, solid waste management districts, and courts of record.

Modifies or removes references related to creating or retaining stenographic records of certain proceedings for the following entities: COM, ODNR, ODE, school districts, Ohio EPA, and ODWIS.

Fiscal effect: TAX has estimated savings of approximately \$3.4 million per year for the agency. Ohio EPA has estimated annual savings of over \$750,000. Other affected state agencies will also likely realize some administrative cost savings as will affected local governments.

Executive**MHACD20 Community Innovations****Section: 337.90**

Permits GRF ALI 336504, Community Innovations, to be used by OhioMHAS to make targeted investments in programs, projects, or systems operated by or under the authority of other state agencies, governmental entities, or private not-for-profit agencies that impact, or are impacted by, the operations and functions of OhioMHAS, with the goal of achieving a net reduction in expenditure of GRF funds and/or improved outcomes for Ohio citizens without a net increase in GRF spending.

Requires the OhioMHAS Director to identify and evaluate programs, projects, or systems proposed or operated outside of OhioMHAS' authority, where targeted investment of funds is expected to decrease demand for OhioMHAS or other resources funded from GRF, and/or to measurably improve outcomes for Ohio citizens with mental illness or with alcohol, drug, or gambling addictions.

Grants the OhioMHAS Director discretion to provide funds from GRF ALI 336504 to private not-for-profit agencies in amounts determined most likely to achieve state savings and/or improved outcomes.

Requires OhioMHAS to enter into an agreement with each recipient receiving funds and specifies what information is to be identified in the agreement.

Earmarks \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year in GRF ALI 336504 to be used to support workforce development initiatives.

Earmarks \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year in GRF ALI 336504 to be used to mitigate behavioral health disparities.

Earmarks \$1,250,000 in each fiscal year in GRF ALI 336504 to be used to establish additional clubhouses for the purpose of offering individuals with a mental illness or mental illness and co-occurring substance use disorder opportunities for employment, housing, education, and access to medical and psychiatric services in a single caring and safe environment. Requires the clubhouses to be operated in accordance with model standards and employment benchmarks selected by OhioMHAS.

Earmarks \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year in GRF ALI 336504 to be used by OhioMHAS, in partnership with DRC and OHFA, to establish a landlord incentive program to encourage the leasing of rental units to individuals with a criminal record who have a mental illness, substance use disorder, or both, or are being discharged from a hospital, and reimburse landlords for small repairs in these rental units to ensure that they conform with Housing Quality Standards. Requires that OhioMHAS establish procedures and guidelines regarding distribution of these funds.
