

HOUSE BILL 1880
By Towns

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to correctional institutional policy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a)

(1) The department of correction, through the commissioner, shall formulate and effect a pilot program for the reduction of violence in Tennessee's jails and prisons.

(2) In formulating and effecting such plan, the department shall select one (1) state prison and one (1) county jail operating under a contract to house state felons where the pilot program will be implemented.

(3) The pilot program shall use current technology for audio and visual surveillance of the jails and prisons.

(b) The goal of the pilot program is to measure the effectiveness of such surveillance in significantly reducing the amount of violence occurring within Tennessee's jails and prisons.

(c) On or before January 15, 2002, and again on or before January 15, 2004, the commissioner shall submit an interim report to the Select Oversight Committee on Corrections. On or before January 15, 2004, the commissioner shall submit a final report to the committee. Each of the interim reports and the final report shall summarize implementation of the provisions of this subsection, shall evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the pilot program, and shall include the department's findings and recommendations concerning replication of the pilot program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.