

SENATE BILL No. 940

May 3, 2016, Introduced by Senators PROOS, JONES, HORN, GREGORY, SHIRKEY, COLBECK, WARREN, ROCCA, BRANDENBURG, GREEN, KNOLLENBERG and SCHMIDT and referred to the Committee on Michigan Competitiveness.

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled
"Corrections code of 1953,"
(MCL 791.201 to 791.285) by adding section 69b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 69B. (1) SUBJECT TO THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ADOPTED
2 UNDER SUBSECTION (2) FOR SCREENING AND APPROVING APPLICANTS, THE
3 DEPARTMENT SHALL ALLOW REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL NONPROFIT FAITH-
4 BASED, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC, AND COMMUNITY
5 ORGANIZATIONS THAT APPLY TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT UNDER
6 THIS SECTION TO ENTER CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES IN THIS STATE FOR THE
7 PURPOSE OF PROVIDING INMATE REENTRY SERVICES. REENTRY SERVICES
8 INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, COUNSELING, PROVIDING INFORMATION
9 ON HOUSING AND JOB PLACEMENT, AND MONEY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE.

10 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND ADOPT POLICIES AND

1 PROCEDURES FOR SCREENING, APPROVING, AND REGISTERING ORGANIZATIONS,
2 AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THOSE ORGANIZATIONS LISTED UNDER
3 SUBSECTION (1) THAT APPLY TO PROVIDE INMATE REENTRY SERVICES. THE
4 DEPARTMENT MAY DENY APPROVAL AND REGISTRATION TO AN ORGANIZATION,
5 OR A REPRESENTATIVE FROM AN ORGANIZATION LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION
6 (1) IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE ORGANIZATION OR
7 REPRESENTATIVE DOES NOT MEET THE DEPARTMENT'S SCREENING GUIDELINES.

8 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST A DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE NUMBER
9 AND PROVIDE AN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION ON ITS PUBLIC INTERNET
10 WEBSITE FOR USE BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM AN ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED
11 IN SUBSECTION (1) WHO WISH TO PROVIDE INMATE REENTRY SERVICES TO
12 OBTAIN INFORMATION AND TO BEGIN THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR
13 REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

14 (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ENDORSE OR SPONSOR ANY FAITH-
15 BASED REENTRY PROGRAM OR ENDORSE ANY SPECIFIC RELIGIOUS MESSAGE.
16 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT REQUIRE AN INMATE TO PARTICIPATE IN A
17 FAITH-BASED PROGRAM.

18 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
19 after the date it is enacted into law.