
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

SEC. 14A. (1) THE FAMILY ADVISORY BOARD IS CREATED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF BETWEEN 9 AND 15 MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

(A) NOT MORE THAN 4 INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WHO ARE FAMILY MEMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY INCARCERATED IN MICHIGAN.

(B) NOT MORE THAN 3 INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WHO ARE FAMILY MEMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE FORMERLY INCARCERATED IN MICHIGAN.

(C) NOT LESS THAN 1 INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WHO
HAS A PARENT FORMERLY OR CURRENTLY INCARCERATED IN MICHIGAN.

(D) NOT MORE THAN 2 INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE FORMERLY INCARCERATED IN MICHIGAN.

(E) TWO INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WHO ARE EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING 1 INDIVIDUAL FROM THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DIVISION.

(F) THE LEGISLATIVE CORRECTIONS OMBUDSMAN.

(G) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A SOCIAL WORKER WHO HAS EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH FORMERLY OR CURRENTLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.

(H) NOT MORE THAN 2 INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH FORMERLY OR CURRENTLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.

(2) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF 2 YEARS.


(6) A WRITING PREPARED, OWNED, USED, IN THE POSSESSION OF, OR RETAINED BY THE BOARD IN THE PERFORMANCE OF AN OFFICIAL FUNCTION IS SUBJECT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 TO 15.246.

(7) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION. HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR THEIR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

(8) THE BOARD SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

(A) ASSIST AND ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT SUPPORT FAMILY REUNIFICATION DURING AND AFTER INCARCERATION.

(B) ASSIST AND ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT FAMILY REUNIFICATION DURING AND AFTER INCARCERATION.

(C) ENHANCE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND FAMILIES REGARDING ISSUES THAT IMPACT A BROAD RANGE OF INCARCERATED AND FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, GATHERING INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS IN THE REGION AND ACROSS THE STATE WITH FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE OR HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED.

(D) IDENTIFY BARRIERS CONCERNING FAMILY REUNIFICATION DURING AND AFTER INCARCERATION.

(E) FILE AN ANNUAL REPORT WITH THE CHAIRS OF THE COMMITTEES.
CONCERNED WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES OF THE
SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING ITS ACTIVITIES UNDER
THIS SECTION. THE REPORT SHALL BE FILED NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 1 OF
EACH YEAR.

(9) THE BOARD MAY, IN ITS DISCRETION, CREATE REGIONAL
COMMITTEES OR FACILITY-FOCUSED FAMILY COUNCILS TO FURTHER ITS
MISSION.

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