

House Committee Resources: Corrections

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The committee has requested written submissions on the following topics. Below are resources related to those topics.

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Charge 1: Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 86th Legislature. Conduct active oversight of all associated rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure intended legislative outcome of all legislation, including the following:

- **HB 374**, which relates to meetings or visits between a defendant on community supervision and a supervision officer. Monitor community supervision and corrections department rules regarding the scheduling of meetings or visits with a defendant placed on community supervision. Examine the process by which community supervision and corrections departments implement newly adopted policies.
- **Community Supervision in Texas** (Fact Sheet), Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Community Justice Assistance Division, September 2019
- **HB 650** and **HB 3227**, which relate to the welfare of confined females within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). Monitor TDCJ rules regulating treatment of incarcerated women. Examine the process by which the department facilitates the educational, medical, and wellness needs of incarcerated pregnant women.
 - **2019 Statistical Report**, Texas Department of Criminal Justice
- **HB 1191**, which relates to an annual report concerning the number of inmates who have been in the conservatorship of a state agency responsible for providing child protective services. Monitor the TDCJ's collection of statistical information concerning the total number of inmates who have at any time been in the conservatorship of a state agency responsible for providing child protective services.
 - **Offenders Received Who Have Been in the Conservatorship of Child Protective Services: Fiscal Year 2019 Report**, Texas Department of Criminal Justice
- **SB 1147**, which relates to conditions of community supervision for certain driving while intoxicated offenses. Monitor the implementation of the legislation and provide recommendations to improve access to treatment for defendants convicted of driving while intoxicated.
 - **2019 Statistical Report**, Texas Department of Criminal Justice

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Charge 2: Examine gaps in services and assess efforts to connect justice-involved veterans, senior citizens, and homeless populations to services while incarcerated and after release at both the local and state levels. Specifically, the committee should evaluate training and technical assistance provided by the Texas Veterans Commission to criminal justice agencies.

- [House Committee Resources: Defense & Veterans' Affairs](#) (Blog — Charge 4), Legislative Reference Library, November 2, 2020
- [Texas Coordinating Council for Veterans Services Fifth Report \(Criminal Justice Workgroup\)](#), Texas Coordinating Council for Veterans Services, Texas Veterans Commission, October 1, 2020
- [Key Studies and Data About How Legal Aid Helps Veterans](#), The Justice in Government Project, American University, last updated September 24, 2020

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Charge 3: Examine the current parole revocation warrant ("blue warrant") procedure. Specifically, the committee should consider the monetary costs to the counties; using Risk Assessment Instruments and the Offense Severity Scale to evaluate static and dynamic factors associated with an offender's record in order to escalate high-risk revocation offenders to the Department of Public Safety for immediate detention; and creating an online list providing the number of outstanding "blue warrants" pending per county.

- [Parole Guidelines](#) (Brochure, Parole Guidelines Score), Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, revised September 25, 2020
- [Forecasting Success: Using the Texas Risk Assessment System to Predict Early Discharge in a Large Sample of High, Moderate, and Low Risk Offenders](#) (Thesis), University of Texas at Arlington, May 2020
- [Interim Report to the 86th Texas Legislature \(Charge 7 – Parole guidelines and assessments\)](#), House Committee on Corrections, November 2018
- [The Cost of County Government: 2016 Unfunded Mandates Survey \(County Jails: Blue Warrant Inmates\)](#), Texas Association of Counties, May 2017
- [Legislative Budget Board Staff Reports \(Costs of technical parole revocations\)](#), Legislative Budget Board, January 2017
- [Parole Revocation Process](#), Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles
- [Texas Government Code §§ 508.251-508.256](#), Warrants (Chapter 508. Parole and Mandatory Supervision)

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Charge 4: Evaluate funding provided to the TDCJ for the repair, maintenance, and upgrade of prison facilities. Determine areas of the facilities that are in most need of repair, maintenance, or upgrade and examine the costs associated with such repairs, maintenance, or upgrades. Examine the [Correctional Managed Health Care Committee](#)'s administration of Hepatitis C treatment and procedures. Review the [Community Justice Assistance Division](#)'s current compliance practices and examine current funding formulas for adult probation departments. Study the TDCJ's ownership of real property not being used for prison facilities, including the amount of property owned and its highest and best use.

- ["The Evolution of Health Care in the Texas Correctional System and the Impact of COVID-19,"](#) *Baylor University Medical Center Proceedings*, October 12, 2020
- [Legislative Appropriations Request for Fiscal Years 2022-2023](#) (Institutional Operations and Maintenance, Correctional Managed Health Care), Texas Department of Criminal Justice, October 9, 2020
- [Agenda](#) (Hepatitis C), Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Correctional Managed Health Care Committee, September 16, 2020
- [Real Property Evaluation Reports](#) (Includes [Texas Department of Criminal Justice](#)), Texas General Land Office, September 2020
- [Texas Progressive Interventions and Sanctions Bench Manual: 2020](#), Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Community Justice Assistance Division, July 2020
- [Fiscal Size-Up: 2020-21 Biennium](#) ([Department of Criminal Justice](#)), Legislative Budget Board, May 2020
- [2019 Statistical Report](#), Texas Department of Criminal Justice
- [Interim Report \(Charge 7 – Corrections, adult probation funding\)](#), Senate Finance Committee, November 2018

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Charge 5: Monitor the [State Auditor](#)'s review of agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction.