

Privatization or Outsourcing of Security Operations; SB 328

SB 328 creates and amends law related to security operations of state correctional and juvenile correctional facilities.

The bill requires prior legislative authorization for any state agency to enter into any agreement or take any action to outsource or privatize security operations of any correctional or juvenile correctional facility operated by a state agency. The bill applies to security operations or job classifications and duties associated with a security operation of correctional or juvenile correctional facilities.

The bill defines “security operations” to include supervision of inmates in a correctional institution or juvenile correctional facility by a corrections officer or warden. The Secretary of Corrections is granted rule and regulation authority to identify job classifications and duties to be considered part of security operations.

The bill does not prevent the Department of Corrections (Department) from renewing such an agreement for services if the agreement is substantially similar to an agreement existing prior to January 1, 2018. The Department is also permitted to enter into such an agreement for services with a different provider, if the agreement is substantially similar to an agreement existing prior to January 1, 2018.