Enrolled Senate Bill No. 9

AN ACT to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled “An act to revise, consolidate, and codify the laws relating to probationers and probation officers, to pardons, reprieves, commutations, and paroles, to the administration of correctional institutions, correctional farms, and probation recovery camps, to prisoner labor and correctional industries, and to the supervision and inspection of local jails and houses of correction; to provide for the siting of correctional facilities; to create a state department of corrections, and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for the transfer to and vesting in said department of powers and duties vested by law in certain other state boards, commissions, and officers, and to abolish certain boards, commissions, and offices the powers and duties of which are transferred by this act; to allow for the operation of certain facilities by private entities; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain other state departments and agencies; to provide for the creation of a local lockup advisory board; to provide for a lifetime electronic monitoring program; to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act; to make certain appropriations; to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act,” (MCL 791.201 to 791.285) by adding section 69b.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 69b. (1) Subject to the policies and procedures adopted under subsection (2) for screening and approving applicants, the department shall allow representatives from all nonprofit faith-based, business and professional, civic, and community organizations to apply to be registered with the department under this section for the purpose of providing inmate reentry services. Reentry services include, but are not limited to, counseling, providing information on housing and job placement, and money management assistance.

(2) The department shall develop and adopt policies and procedures for screening, approving, and registering organizations, and representatives from those organizations listed under subsection (1) that apply to provide inmate reentry services. The department may deny approval and registration to an organization, or a representative from an organization listed under subsection (1) if the department determines that the organization or representative does not meet the department’s screening guidelines. The department and each of the correctional facilities in this state retain the discretion to deny entry into a correctional facility at any time to a representative of an organization listed under subsection (1) regardless of whether that representative previously applied to and was registered with the department to provide inmate reentry services within a correctional facility.

(3) The department shall post a department telephone number and provide an application for registration on its public internet website for use by representatives from an organization described in subsection (1) who wish to provide inmate reentry services to obtain information and to begin the application process for registration with the department.

(4) The department shall not endorse or sponsor any faith-based reentry program or endorse any specific religious message. The department shall not require an inmate to participate in a faith-based program.

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

Secretary of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved

Governor