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203091-2:n:01/31/2020:CNB/bm LSA2019-2637 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Under existing law, the Investigation and 8 SYNOPSIS: Intelligence Division of the Department of 9 10 Corrections investigates violations of law relating 11 to correctional facilities and employees and 12 prisoners. 13 This bill would change the name from the 14 Investigation and Intelligence Division to the Law 15 Enforcement Services Division of the Department of 16 Corrections. 17 Under existing law, correctional 18 investigative services officers are responsible for 19 performing criminal investigations for the 20 department. 21 This bill would change the name of a 22 correctional investigative services officer to a 23 correctional investigative agent. 24 This bill would further provide that 25 correctional police officers would be responsible 26 for performing criminal investigative duties for 27 the department.

Under existing law, an officer or guard is 1 2 required to take an oath prior to performing his or her duties of the office. 3 This bill would require all correctional 4 5 officers to take an oath prior to performing his or her duties of the office. 6 7 The bill would also provide for technical 8 revisions. 9 10 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 11 AN ACT 12 13 14 Relating to the Department of Corrections; to amend 15 Sections 14-3-2, 14-3-3, 14-3-4, 14-3-5, 14-3-9, 14-3-12, 14-3-13, 14-3-14, 14-3-15, 14-3-30, 14-3-31, 14-3-32, 14-3-34, 16 14-3-35, 14-3-36, 14-3-37, 14-3-38, 14-3-40, 14-3-43, 14-3-45, 17 18 14-3-47, 14-3-54, 14-3-55, 14-3-57, and 14-3-58, as last amended by Act 2019-485, 2019 Regular Session, Code of Alabama 19 20 1975, to rename the Investigation and Intelligence Division; 21 to rename the correction investigative services officer; to 22 require all correctional officers to take an oath prior to 23 performing his or her duties of office; and to provide for 24 technical revisions. 25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA: Section 1. Sections 14-3-2, 14-3-3, 14-3-4, 14-3-5, 26 14-3-9, 14-3-12, 14-3-13, 14-3-14, 14-3-15, 14-3-30, 14-3-31, 27

14-3-32, 14-3-34, 14-3-35, 14-3-36, 14-3-37, 14-3-38, 14-3-40, 1 2 14-3-43, 14-3-45, 14-3-47, 14-3-54, 14-3-55, 14-3-57, and 14-3-58, as last amended by Act 2019-485, 2019 Regular 3 Session, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows: 4 "§14-3-2. 5 6 "(a) The Board of Corrections Department of 7 Corrections may sell any, or all, of the lands now used by the 8 state in working convicts prisoners for cash or on credit, as 9 may seem best, and purchase lands superior in quality to be 10 used by the board department in working convicts prisoners. "(b) So much of the funds earned by the board 11 department as may be necessary is appropriated and authorized 12 13 to be paid for such lands as may be purchased under subsection 14 (a) of this section, and the Comptroller, upon the application of the board department, shall draw his or her warrant for 15 such the sum, or sums, as may be necessary for such purchase 16 17 of such the lands and the payment thereof. "§14-3-3. 18 "The Board of Corrections Department of Corrections 19 20 may cause to be made such make improvement on to any of the 21 land owned by the state as may tend to the that will benefit of the prison system and enable it to work such convicts 22 23 prisoners as it may think proper at farming or other 24 employments. "§14-3-4. 25 "Such of the lands Any land owned by the state as 26

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may be rented out by the Board of Corrections Department of
 Corrections.

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"§14-3-5.

4 "Any part of the net income from the labor of state
5 convicts prisoners may, with the approval of the Board of
6 Corrections Department of Corrections, may be applied to
7 permanent improvements or manufacturing at the prisons, or
8 looking to the more permanent employment of the convicts
9 prisoners of different classes.

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"§14-3-9.

"(a) It shall be the duty of all employees of the 11 Department of Corrections to report all violations of the law 12 13 relating to prisons, correctional facilities, and employees 14 and inmates prisoners of the Department of Corrections that 15 may come to their knowledge to the Investigation and 16 Intelligence Law Enforcement Services Division of the Department of Corrections. Correctional investigative services 17 18 agents and correctional police officers of the division shall 19 investigate all reported and discovered violations and those 20 violations otherwise discovered and, where applicable, refer 21 the violations to the proper district attorney. All 22 indictments for violations shall be tried in the circuit court of the county where the offense was committed. 23

"(b) Employees of the Department of Corrections
 classified as "correctional investigative services officers
 <u>agents," "correctional police officers,</u>" and their
 supervisors, performing criminal investigative duties, are

1 hereby constituted considered law enforcement officers of the 2 State of Alabama as defined in Section 36-21-40, with full and 3 unlimited police powers and jurisdiction as any other state police officers in this state to investigate violations of the 4 5 law relating to prisons, correctional facilities, and employees and inmates prisoners of the Department of 6 7 Corrections and to enforce the law. Whenever these 8 "correctional investigative services agents or correctional police officers" are effecting an arrest, they shall properly 9 10 display a badge.

"(c) The powers vested in correctional investigative 11 12 services agents, correctional police officers, and their 13 supervisors under this section shall be limited to 14 investigations and arrests involving inmates prisoners or 15 employees of the Department of Corrections and associates of 16 inmates prisoners or employees of the department, including, 17 but not limited to, family members of inmates prisoners, 18 employees, and contractors of the department related to 19 investigations originated by of the department.

20 (c) (d) All correctional investigative services
21 agents, correctional police officers, and their supervisors
22 given police power powers by this section shall be required to
23 comply with the minimum standards now in effect relating to
24 state law enforcement officers.

25 "\$14-3-12.

26 "Chaplains shall be appointed by the Board of
 27 Corrections Department of Corrections, which and once

1 <u>appointed</u> chaplains shall in turn appoint assistant chaplains 2 with the approval of the board <u>department</u>. The chaplains shall 3 devote their entire time to moral improvement and religious 4 instruction of the <u>convicts prisoners</u>. The term of office 5 shall be at the will of the <u>board</u> department.

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"§14-3-13.

7 "Every <u>correctional</u> officer and guard shall, before 8 entering on <u>performing</u> the duties of his <u>or her</u> office, take 9 and subscribe before some <u>an</u> officer authorized to administer 10 oaths, the following oath:

""I, , do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the 11 12 case may be) that I will support the Constitution of the 13 United States and the Constitution of the State of Alabama, so 14 long as I remain a citizen thereof; that I will faithfully execute and discharge all the duties required of me as 15 (designating the office), and observe all the rules and 16 17 regulations of the department prescribed for the government of 18 convicts prisoners, so far as concerns my office; and will, in 19 no case, ill treat or abuse any convict prisoner under my 20 charge or control, nor inflict upon him or her any other or 21 greater punishment than may be prescribed by said rules and the law or the regulations of the department. So help me God." 22 "§14-3-14. 23

24 "Every <u>correctional</u> officer and guard at any prison 25 has the power of a policeman <u>public officer</u> and may arrest any 26 person who intrudes upon the premises or makes a disturbance 27 near the prison and take him <u>or her</u> before any magistrate of the county, by whom he. Any person in violation of this section may be fined ten dollars (\$10) \$10 and the costs. "\$14-3-15.

"Every correctional officer and guard, regularly 4 5 sworn, shall have power to pursue and arrest any escaped 6 convict prisoner in any county of this state without a 7 warrant. He or she may use such any force or means as may be 8 required under the circumstances to prevent the convict's 9 prisoner's escape by flight or to overcome his or her 10 resistance. He or she shall have the same authority as a sheriff to summon persons to assist in making such the arrest 11 12 or to protect such convict the prisoner from any violence 13 after arrest.

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"§14-3-30.

15 "(a) When any convict prisoner is sentenced to the penitentiary, the judge of the court in which the sentence is 16 17 rendered shall order the inmate prisoner to be confined in the 18 nearest secure jail. The clerk of the court shall at once immediately notify the Department of Corrections as to the 19 20 jail where of which jail the inmate prisoner is confined, 21 forward to the department a copy of the judgment entry and 22 sentence in the case, and inform the department if any special 23 care is necessary to quard the inmate prisoner. Thereupon, the 24 department shall direct where the inmate prisoner shall be 25 taken for confinement or hard labor.

26 "(b) When an inmate <u>a prisoner</u> sentenced to the
 27 custody of the department and the department is in receipt of

a transcript of such the sentence, is being housed in a county 1 2 jail, and the inmate prisoner develops a medical condition which that requires immediate treatment at a medical-care 3 facility outside the county jail, the department shall be 4 5 financially responsible for the cost of the treatment of the 6 inmate prisoner. The department shall receive any contractual 7 discounts the medical-care facility has agreed to grant for 8 the treatment of inmates prisoners housed in state 9 correctional facilities. When an inmate a prisoner sentenced 10 to the custody of the department and the department is in receipt of a transcript of such the sentence, is housed in a 11 12 county jail, and the inmate prisoner develops a medical 13 condition or has been diagnosed as having a medical condition which that, in the opinion of a physician licensed in Alabama, 14 15 would require treatment or a medical procedure or both, 16 involving a cost of more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000), 17 the inmate prisoner shall be transferred within three days to 18 a state owned or operated correctional facility or to the physical custody of the department as determined by the 19 20 Commissioner of the Department of Corrections. The inmate 21 prisoner shall receive treatment in the same manner as other 22 state inmates prisoners. Nothing in this subsection shall be 23 interpreted to relieve the department of its responsibility 24 for the maintenance and upkeep, including the payment of medical costs, of an inmate a prisoner sentenced to the 25 custody of the department, nor shall this subsection be 26 27 interpreted as conferring any additional responsibility upon a

- county for the maintenance and upkeep, or the payment of
 medical costs, of any inmate prisoner sentenced to the custody
 of the department.
- 4 "§14-3-31.

5 "The Board of Corrections Department of Corrections must receive into the penitentiary, on the written order of 6 7 the Governor, any convict prisoner whose sentence has been commuted, according to law, to imprisonment in the 8 9 penitentiary, and must confine such the person according to 10 the terms of the commutation and the rules and regulations of the department established by law; and, if. If the Governor 11 12 shall so direct directs, the cost of conviction in such the 13 case must be paid as in case of sentence to imprisonment in 14 the penitentiary.

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"§14-3-32.

16 "The Board of Corrections Department of Corrections 17 must receive into the penitentiary all convicts prisoners 18 sentenced to imprisonment therein by any court of the United States held in this state, and must safely keep and employ 19 20 them according to the rules and regulations of the institution 21 department until the expiration of the term for which they are sentenced or until they are otherwise discharged by law; and 22 23 it must. The department shall account to the Department of Finance for all moneys received for the support of such the 24 25 prisoners.

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26 "§14-3-34.
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"It is the duty of all jailers, on demand of the officer in charge of any convict prisoner being conveyed to the penitentiary, to receive and safely keep such convict the prisoner for the legal charge of feeding prisoners whenever such the officer may deem it necessary to have him or her secured for the night or for any longer time they he or she may be necessarily detained.

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"§14-3-35.

9 "It is the duty of the Board of Corrections 10 Department of Corrections, upon the reception of any convict prisoner into the penitentiary, to take his or her height, 11 12 name, age, complexion race, color of his or her hair and eyes, 13 fingerprints, photograph, the place of his birth, the county 14 in which he or she was convicted, the nature of the crime and 15 the period of imprisonment, all of which, together with the statement of the time when such convict the prisoner was 16 17 received, must be entered upon a permanent record. The baggage 18 and person of every convict prisoner must be carefully 19 searched, and every instrument by which he may effect his 20 escape that may be used to escape shall be taken therefrom 21 from the prisoner.

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"§14-3-36.

"The officer in charge of any prison or camp must
take in charge shall take possession of any property, money,
or other thing of value in the possession of any convict
prisoner at the time of the delivery of such convict to him
and prisoner enters the prison or camp. The officer in charge

1 shall pay or deliver the same to such the person as the 2 convict may in writing direct the prisoner designates in 3 writing, to the convict on his prisoner upon discharge, or to his or her personal representative in case of his or her death 4 5 previous thereto, and should prior to release. If no personal 6 representative be is appointed within six months after his or 7 her death, then into the property, money, or other thing of 8 value shall be delivered to the State Treasury.

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"§14-3-37.

10 "When any judgment of conviction is reversed and the case is remanded after the convict prisoner has been conveyed 11 12 transported to the penitentiary, he or she may be removed to 13 the county in which where he or she was tried by the sheriff 14 of that county, or his or her deputy, in the same manner in 15 which he or she was conveyed transported to the penitentiary; 16 and all. All the provisions of this code in respect to 17 authority, duty, and compensation of officers and escapes, or 18 attempts to escape, by convicts prisoners are applicable to 19 such the removal.

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"§14-3-38.

"(a) When a convict prisoner is sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary on two or more convictions, unless it is specifically ordered in the judgment entry that such the sentences be served concurrently, such the sentences shall be cumulative and shall be served consecutively, with the first term thereof beginning to run from the date on which such the prisoner is received at the penitentiary,

reformatory, or jail for service of the sentence, or at some 1 2 place of detention to await transportation to the place where 3 his the sentences are to be served and his. The second and each subsequent term terms, each, beginning shall begin on the 4 5 expiration of the preceding term. When the judgment sentence contains a fixed order that the term shall run concurrently, 6 7 such the sentences shall run concurrently from the date on which such convict the prisoner is received for serving of the 8 9 sentences as prescribed above.

10 "(b) In case the prison record of a convict <u>A</u>
11 prisoner serving two or more sentences consecutively is with a
12 good, he record shall be discharged at the expiration of the
13 last term of imprisonment to which he <u>or she</u> was sentenced,
14 less any deduction from the sentences accorded him <u>available</u>
15 pursuant to Sections 14-9-1 through 14-9-3.

16 "(c) In case the prison record of a convict <u>A</u>
17 <u>prisoner</u> serving two or more sentences concurrently is <u>with a</u>
18 good, <u>he record</u> shall be discharged at the expiration of the
19 longest term of imprisonment to which he <u>or she</u> was sentenced,
20 less any deduction therefrom accorded him <u>from the sentences</u>
21 available pursuant to Sections 14-9-1 through 14-9-3.

"(d) In case the record of a prisoner during his
term shall not have been good, the director <u>The commissioner</u>,
at his <u>or her</u> discretion, may revoke any or all of the
deductions given under Sections 14-9-1 through 14-9-3, <u>if the</u>
prisoner does not have a good record, whether <u>such convict the</u>

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prisoner is serving his the terms of imprisonment concurrently or consecutively.

3 "§14-3-40.

4 "It shall be unlawful to chain together or to
5 confine together in the same room or compartment male and
6 female convicts prisoners.

8 "The Board of Corrections Department of Corrections 9 may cause the convicts to be removed to such place of security 10 remove prisoners to a secure place within the state as they may deem expedient whenever the if there is the prevalence of 11 12 any epidemic, infectious or contagious disease, or for any 13 other urgent necessity may render such removal proper reason 14 the department deems removal necessary, taking all necessary 15 precautions to insure the safekeeping of the convicts prisoners and to prevent escape when removed. 16

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"§14-3-45.

"§14-3-43.

18 "The <u>Department of Corrections shall establish the</u> 19 diet of convicts in quantity and quality must be such as may 20 be directed by the Board of Corrections, <u>prisoners</u> and <u>the</u> 21 diet shall be sound and wholesome.

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"§14-3-47.

"(a) State inmates prisoners shall be employed at
such labor, in such places and under such regulations within
the state as may be determined by the Department of
Corrections. The Department of Corrections department is
expressly authorized to establish posts, camps, or stations in

1 conjunction with labor, discipline, or rehabilitation 2 programs. The Department of Corrections department is 3 authorized to may direct inmates prisoners to work at any labor and at any site except as provided otherwise by law. The 4 5 Department of Corrections department is further authorized to may also direct inmates prisoners to participate in programs 6 7 designed to improve their physical or_ mental or 8 psychological well-being, or programs designed to instill 9 discipline and a sense of responsibility in state inmates 10 prisoners and the Department of Corrections department is 11 expressly authorized to may establish posts, camps, or 12 stations to implement such these programs.

"(b) The Department of Corrections is expressly
authorized to may adopt rules and regulations of the
<u>department</u> to expend funds, to enter contracts, and to do any
other activity reasonably necessary to establish, regulate,
and control the programs as outlined in subsection (a) above.

18 "(c) The Department of Corrections shall establish 19 rules and regulations for the operation of these programs as 20 outlined in subsection (a) above to ensure that all reasonable 21 steps are taken to protect the public τ_{L} and in no case shall 22 an inmate <u>a prisoner</u> convicted of capital murder τ_{L} rape in the 23 first degree τ_{L} or sodomy in the first degree be placed in a 24 program as outlined in subsection (a) above.

"(d) Participation in the programs as outlined in
subsection (a) above shall not create any legal cause of
action or theory of recovery except as expressly provided for

by the constitution of the United States or of Alabama; or by
 the statutes of the United States or of Alabama.

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"§14-3-54.

"The Board of Corrections Department of Corrections 4 5 shall have authority to may summon, swear, and examine witnesses as to any matter concerning regarding the management 6 7 and treatment of convicts; prisoners, and the board department may administer the oath of office to guards correctional 8 9 officers and employees and may administer oaths as to the 10 correctness of any account or statement in regard to the 11 prison system.

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"§14-3-55.

13 "No <u>A correctional</u> officer or person holding any 14 appointment, the duties of which are discharged in connection 15 with the prison system, must say anything in relation to <u>a</u> 16 <u>Department of Corrections employee may not reference</u> the 17 management of any prison in the presence of any <u>convict</u> 18 <u>prisoner</u> except to <u>direct him in his duty give a prisoner a</u> 19 command or to admonish him or her for delinquency.

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"§14-3-57.

21 "On the trial of any convict for any offense <u>During</u> 22 <u>the trial for any offense</u> committed <u>by a prisoner</u> within the 23 penitentiary or other convict prison or convict camp, the fact 24 of confinement in the penitentiary shall be presumptive 25 evidence of a legal conviction and sentence of imprisonment, 26 and a copy of the transcript of the conviction and sentence 27 filed with the Board of Corrections Department of Corrections and certified by it to be correct shall be received as
 evidence of such the conviction.

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"§14-3-58.

4 "(a) This section shall be known as the "Joel
5 Willmore Act."

"(b) Whenever an inmate a prisoner escapes from a 6 7 penal facility, as defined in subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of Section 13A-10-30, or when a probationer or parolee who 8 has a prior conviction for a Class A felony or a crime in 9 10 which the victim was a child less than 12 years of age or is serving a life sentence absconds from a residential facility, 11 12 it shall be the duty of the department or any other agency 13 having custody of the prisoner to shall take all proper 14 measures for his or her apprehension, and for that purpose, it 15 shall notify all of the following as soon as possible, but not later than 12 hours after the escape: 16

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"(1) The Governor.

18 "(2) The Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency.

"(3) The sheriff and district attorney of the countywhere the escape occurred.

"(4) The chief of police where the escape occurred,
if the escape occurred within a municipality.

"(5) The sheriff and district attorney of the countywhere the last conviction of the escapee occurred, if known.

"(6) The chief of police where the last conviction of the escapee occurred, if the conviction occurred within a municipality and if known. "(7) The sheriff of the county where the convict's
 <u>prisoner's</u> home of record is located, if known.

"(8) The chief of police where the convict's
prisoner's home of record is located, if the location is
within a municipality and if known.

6 "(9) All electronic media outlets broadcasting which 7 are known by the department or agency, which have expressed an 8 interest in being notified of the escape, and which broadcast 9 within a radius of 75 miles from where the escape occurred, 10 including all radio and television stations.

"(c) The notification required in subsection (b) shall include the time when and the circumstances under which the escape was effected, together with a particular description of the inmate prisoner, including a copy of the <u>inmate's prisoner's</u> most recent mug shot, and in what county convicted and for what offense and when.

17 "(d) In addition to the requirements set forth in 18 subsections (b) and (c), the department or other agency shall post a notification on its website, if a website is available, 19 20 within a reasonable time of the escape. The notification shall 21 include the time when and the circumstances under which the escape or absconding was effected, together with a particular 22 description of the inmate prisoner, including a copy of the 23 24 inmate's prisoner's most recent mug shot, and in what county 25 convicted and for what offense and when.

"(e) The department or other agency shall enter the
 inmate prisoner, probationer, or parolee into the National

Crime Information Center within 12 hours of the inmate's
 prisoner's escape.

"(f) The Department of Corrections shall offer a 3 reward, not exceeding four hundred dollars (\$400), for the 4 5 apprehension of the state inmate prisoner, to be paid out of the proceeds of the labor of inmates prisoners in the State 6 7 Treasury. But no warrant shall be issued for the payment of any such reward unless there is filed in the office of the 8 Department of Finance the certificate of the Department of 9 10 Corrections that the inmate prisoner has been recaptured and 11 restored to custody."

12 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the 13 first day of the third month following its passage and 14 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.