SB248

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By Senator Weaver

RFD: Veterans and Military Affairs

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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Investigation and Intelligence Division of the Department of Corrections investigates violations of law relating to correctional facilities, employees, and inmates.

This bill would rename the Investigation and Intelligence Division.

This bill would include a correctional canine classification as a state law enforcement officer.

This bill would also make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to the Department of Corrections; to amend Section 14-3-9, Code of Alabama 1975, to rename the Investigation and Intelligence Division and to include a correctional canine classification as a law enforcement officer of the state; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 14-3-9, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§14-3-9

(a) ~~It shall be the duty of all~~ All employees of the Department of Corrections ~~to~~ shall report all violations of the law relating to prisons, correctional facilities, and employees and inmates of the Department of Corrections ~~that may come to their knowledge~~ to the ~~Investigation and Intelligence~~ Law Enforcement Services Division of the Department of Corrections. Correctional investigative services officers of the division shall investigate all reported and discovered violations ~~and those violations otherwise discovered~~ and, where applicable, refer the violations to the proper district attorney. All indictments for violations shall be tried in the circuit court of the county where the offense was committed.

(b) Employees of the Department of Corrections classified as "correctional investigative services officers," correctional canine classifications, and their supervisors~~,~~ performing criminal investigative duties~~,~~ are ~~hereby constituted~~ considered law enforcement officers of ~~the State of Alabama~~ this state, as defined in Section 36-21-40 ~~with~~. Correctional investigative services officers, correctional canine classifications, and their supervisors have full and unlimited police powers and jurisdiction, as any other state police officers in this state, to investigate violations of the law relating to prisons, correctional facilities, and

employees and inmates of the Department of Corrections and to enforce the law. Whenever ~~these "~~correctional investigative services officers~~"~~ or correctional canine classifications are effecting an arrest, they shall properly display a badge.

~~The powers vested in correctional investigative services officers under this section shall be limited to investigations and arrests involving inmates or employees of the Department of Corrections and associates of inmates or employees of the department, including, but not limited to, family members of inmates, employees, and contractors of the department related to investigations originated by the department.~~

(c) All correctional investigative services officers, correctional canine classifications, and their supervisors given police ~~power~~ powers by this section shall be required to comply with the minimum standards now in effect relating to state law enforcement officers."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1, 2024.