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### Overview

Requires state prison and local jail inmates to be housed in publicly owned and operated prisons and jails. Allows the commissioner of administration, in consultation with the commissioner of corrections, to negotiate the purchase of the Prairie Correctional Facility in Appleton, Minnesota. Requests that the governor recommend whether or not to purchase the facility, and, if so, at what price as part of the governor's 2007 capital budget recommendations.

### Section

- 1 Prohibits the commissioner of corrections from housing inmates in privately owned jails and prisons after August 1, 2007.
- 2 Prohibits the placement of jail inmates in privately owned facilities.
- 3 Mandates that the commissioner of administration, in consultation from the commissioner of corrections, enter into negotiations with Corrections Corporation of America, the current owner of the Prairie Correctional Facility, to purchase the facility for the state. Also, requests that the governor include a recommendation in the governor's 2007 capital budget on whether to purchase the facility, and, if so, at what price.