

# H.F. 1355

## First engrossment

Subject Department of Corrections policy bill

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## **Overview**

This bill contains a variety of policy reform proposals from the commissioner of corrections.

## **Summary**

## **Section Description**

## 1 Mandatory prison sentence.

Updates substance use disorder (SUD) treatment standards of care so that they align with community standards and updated DHS standards.

## 2 Language access.

Directs the commissioner to implement a language access plan for inmates with limited English proficiency.

## 3 Study of offender's background; rehabilitation.

Authorizes the commissioner to place juveniles convicted of crime and sentenced to the custody of the commissioner in the facility that best provides for the juvenile's rehabilitative needs.

#### 4, 14 Advisory Council on Interstate Adult Offender Supervision.

Aligns the statutes regulating the Interstate Compact for Juveniles with the current structure and process of the compact.

## 5 Issuing warrant for escaped inmate or convicted defendant.

Grants the commissioner the authority to issue a warrant when an individual who was given a report date to prison fails to report.

#### 6 Intensive supervised release.

Amends the requirements for an offender being placed on intensive supervised release, including the use of electronic home monitoring.

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## 7 Conditional medical and epidemic release.

Authorizes the commissioner to release certain inmates during an epidemic and clarifies the commissioner's authority to revoke conditional medical and epidemic release.

#### 8-9 Conditional release of certain nonviolent controlled substance offenders.

Updates substance use disorder (SUD) treatment standards of care so that they align with community standards and updated DHS standards.

#### 10 Sanctions.

Authorizes the commissioner to readmit an inmate into the challenge incarceration program.

#### 11 Phase I.

Authorizes the commissioner to operate a challenge incarceration program (CIP) at Shakopee.

#### 12-13 Appointment; joint services; state services.

Creates a statutory process to shift funds when a county changes between community supervision systems.

#### 15 **Public safety officer.**

Expands the definition of "public safety officer" for purposes of line of duty benefits to include staff providing correctional supervision in the community and non-uniformed staff working in prisons.

#### 16 **Procedure for receipt of request.**

Authorizes the commissioner to send requests for disposition of detainer paperwork to the court and prosecutor electronically.

#### 17 Repealer.

Repeals an obsolete program—Community Intensive Supervised Release—which has not been operational since 1995.



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