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AB-809 Corrections: rehabilitation space. (2025-2026)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2025–2026 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

NO. 809

Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk-Silva

February 19, 2025

An act to add Section 2053.2 to the Penal Code, relating to corrections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 809, as amended, Quirk-Silva. Corrections: rehabilitation space.

Existing law grants the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation authority to operate the state prison system and gives the department jurisdiction over various state prisons and other institutions. Existing law requires the department to make college programs available at every state prison and requires that these programs be provided by the California Community Colleges, the California State University, or the University of California, or other accredited, nonprofit colleges or universities.

This bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, to report to the Legislature information related to the amount of space available for academic and vocational education, including the amount of the deficit or surplus of space at each prison.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 2053.2 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

2053.2. (a) On or before January 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, the department shall collect and report all of the following information to the Legislature:

- (1) The amount of space available for academic and vocational education.

(2) The amount of space currently being used for other purposes that *reasonably* could be converted to be available for academic and vocational education.

(3) The extent to which the space described in paragraph (1) is being used.

(4) The amount of the deficit or surplus of space available for academic and vocational education as described in paragraph (1) at each prison.

(b) A report submitted pursuant to this section shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.