

S.F. No. 1334 – Department of Corrections Policy Bill (1st Engrossment)

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Sections 1. Mandatory prison sentence. Updates substance use disorder treatment standards of care so that they align with community standards and updated DHS standards.

Section 2. Language access. Directs the commissioner of corrections to implement a language access plan for inmates with limited English proficiency.

Section 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.

Sections 4 and 14. Advisory Council on Interstate Adult Offender Supervision. Combines the State Advisory Council on Interstate Adult Supervision with the Advisory Council on the Interstate Compact for Juveniles and expands Council membership.

Section 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.

Section 6. Intensive supervised release. Amends the requirements for an offender being placed on intensive supervised release, including the use of electronic home monitoring.

Section 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.

Sections 8 and 9. Conditional release of certain nonviolent controlled substance offenders. Updates substance use disorder treatment standards of care to that the align with community standards and updated DHS standards.

Section 10. Sanction. Authorizes the commissioner to readmit an inmate into the challenge incarceration program.

Section 11. Phase I. Authorizes the commissioner to operate a challenge incarceration program at MCF- Shakopee.

Section 12 and 13. Appointment; joint services; state services. Creates a statutory process to shift funds when a county changes community supervision systems.

Section 15. Public safety officer. Expands the definition of “public safety officer” in the section of law applicable to line of duty disability and death benefits to include staff providing correctional supervision in the community and non-uniformed staff working in prisons.

Section 16. Procedure for receipt of request. Authorizes the commissioner to send requests for disposition of detainer paperwork to the court and prosecutor electronically.

Section 17. Repealer. Repeals an obsolete program – Community Intensive Supervised Release – which has not been operational since 1995.