

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 492

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE MULTIAGENCY REENTRY TASK FORCE TO
5 INCLUDE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM A COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FACILITY OR PROGRAM; AND
6 AMENDING SECTION 46-23-902, MCA."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 **Section 1.** Section 46-23-902, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"46-23-902. Multiagency reentry task force.** (1) There is a multiagency reentry task force that shall
12 advise the department and help develop and implement reentry programs for offenders within 12 months of
13 release from prison and at highest risk of recidivism.

14 (2) (a) The following agencies shall participate on the task force:

15 (i) the department;

16 (ii) the office of public instruction;

17 (iii) the university system;

18 (iv) the department of labor and industry established in 2-15-1701;

19 (v) the department of public health and human services established in 2-15-2201;

20 (vi) the department of commerce established in 2-15-1801;

21 (vii) the department of justice established in 2-15-2001; and

22 (viii) the board.

23 (b) Other agencies may participate as appropriate.

24 (3) Other members of the task force may include:

25 (a) a representative from community-based organizations that assist in the reentry process;

26 (b) a representative of community-based adult restorative justice programs;

27 (c) a representative of crime victims who is a crime victim;

28 (d) a representative of faith-based organizations that assist in the reentry process;

29 (e) a representative of community businesses interested in partnering with the department concerning
30 reentry;

1 (f) a state legislator; and

2 (g) a representative of a mental health organization.

3 (4) The task force must include a representative from a community corrections facility or program, as
4 that term is defined in 53-30-303.

5 ~~(4)~~(5) The task force shall meet regularly at the call of the department director, who serves as the
6 presiding officer. Task force members serving in their capacity as government employees are not entitled to
7 additional compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses incurred while engaged in task
8 force activities as provided for in 2-18-501. Task force members who are not employed by the state are not
9 entitled to compensation or travel expenses.

10 ~~(5)~~(6) Before July 1 of each even-numbered year, the task force shall report to the law and justice interim
11 committee regarding the development, implementation, and effectiveness of reentry programs."

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