

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

All Texans benefit when inmates reenter society as contributing, responsible, law-abiding citizens. Research illustrates the ability of religious faith and commitment to overcome criminal behavior. This bill will encourage the use of faith-based programs in Texas correctional facilities.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.C.R. 44 submits the following resolutions:

To urge the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, the Texas Youth Commission, the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, and all Texas county commissioners and sheriffs to recognize and permit faith-based correctional programs, facilities, and initiatives to play a more significant role in the rehabilitation of criminal offenders by taking certain actions.

Requires the secretary of state to forward an official copy of this resolution to the chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, the chairman of the Texas Youth Commission, the chairman of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, and the county judge in each Texas county.