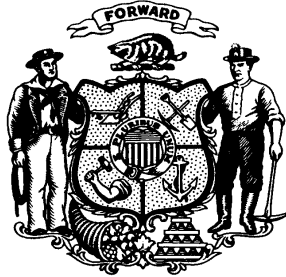


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RECOMMENDATION

Standing Committees of the Legislature

The Joint Legislative Council Study Committee on Reducing Recidivism and Removing Impediments to Ex-Offender Employment recommends that letters be sent by Chair Darling and Vice-Chair Hutton to the chairpersons of the appropriate standing committees in the Senate and Assembly, requesting that the standing committees do the following:

- Review the Department of Corrections' (DOC's) current educational and vocational training practices in order to match this training with current workplace needs, such as "soft skills."
- Examine whether DOC should provide reentry planning to inmates prior to release from prison earlier than current practice.
- Study the relationship between DOC institutions, local technical schools, and regional employers to make recommendations that encourage collaboration.
- Review DOC policies regarding the placement of recently released ex-offenders to encourage continued employment in jobs attained by individuals while incarcerated.
- Review DOC's fraternization policy and its impact on reentry for recently released ex-offenders.
- Review laws and DOC policies regarding the issuance of state ID cards to inmates prior to release from prison.
- Study the collateral consequences of conviction related to occupational licensing or certification.

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