

FY 2017-18: DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Summary: Conference Report
Article V, House Bill 4323 (H-1) CR-1



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IDG/IDT	FY 2016-17 YTD as of 2/8/17	FY 2017-18 Executive	FY 2017-18 House	FY 2017-18 Senate	FY 2017-18 Conference	Difference: Conference From FY 2016-17 YTD Amount	Difference: Conference From FY 2016-17 YTD %
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	--
Federal	5,523,700	5,293,800	5,293,800	5,293,800	5,293,800	(229,900)	(4.2)
Local	8,692,800	8,842,400	8,842,400	8,842,400	8,842,400	149,600	1.7
Private	0	0	0	0	0	0	--
Restricted	36,554,600	36,149,400	39,649,400	36,149,400	41,149,400	4,594,800	12.6
GF/GP	1,951,957,900	1,964,133,600	1,954,133,600	1,924,133,600	1,946,633,600	(5,324,300)	(0.3)
Gross	\$2,002,729,000	\$2,014,419,200	\$2,007,919,200	\$1,974,419,200	\$2,001,919,200	(\$809,800)	(0.0)
FTEs	13,819.9	13,819.9	13,819.9	13,819.9	13,819.9	0.0	0.0

Notes: (1) FY 2016-17 year-to-date figures include mid-year budget adjustments through February 8, 2017. (2) Appropriation figures for all years include all proposed appropriation amounts, including amounts designated as "one-time."

Overview

The Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the state's 31 correctional facilities that house felony offenders sentenced to prison. This includes the provision of physical and mental health care, education, food service, transportation, and reintegration programs. The department is also responsible for the supervision of all parolees and probationers under department jurisdiction and has oversight over community corrections programs and other programs designed to encourage alternatives to prison placement for appropriate offenders. As of June 1, 2017, the department was responsible for 100,341 Michigan offenders: 40,553 prisoners, 44,044 probationers, and 15,744 parolees.

<u>Major Budget Changes From FY 2016-17 YTD Appropriations</u>	<u>FY 2016-17 Year-to-Date (as of 2/8/17)</u>	<u>FY 2017-18 Conference Change</u>
1. One-Time Funding for Training New Custody Staff <u>Executive</u> includes \$4.4 million in one-time funding to train 177 corrections officers to meet projected attrition needs. Funding supports salary and payroll costs of new officers while they participate in training, as well as costs for uniforms, training materials, certifications, food, travel, and lodging. With the additional funding added to the FY 2016-17 base of \$9.2 million, the department will be able to train roughly 550 new officers in FY 2017-18. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> does not include the funding. <u>Conference</u> includes the funding.	Gross \$9,216,500 GF/GP \$9,216,500	\$4,359,000 \$4,359,000
2. Trinity Food Service Contract Adjustment <u>Executive</u> includes \$4.0 million to cover the required contract rate adjustment and an increase in the projected cost of food service utilizing a census-based billing model with prices per meal based on prisoner population levels. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> includes \$2.4 million, reflecting a savings in contract costs based on a reduced prison population. <u>Conference</u> includes \$2.7 million.	Gross \$54,455,900 GF/GP \$54,455,900	\$2,707,600 \$2,707,600
3. Corizon Health Care Contract Adjustment <u>Executive</u> includes \$3.5 million to cover required inflationary adjustments. The health care contract requires an annual increase in the base per prisoner per month cost for physical and mental health care services, including pharmaceuticals. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> includes \$1.8 million, reflecting a savings in contract costs based on a reduced prison population. <u>Conference</u> reduces funding by \$1.2 million.	Gross NA GF/GP NA	(\$1,159,100) (\$1,159,100)
4. Increased Oncology Costs <u>Executive</u> includes \$2.3 million to cover increased cancer treatment-related costs (e.g. costs for chemo/radiation, surgeries, observation, and office visits). <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> concurs.	Gross NA GF/GP NA	\$2,328,300 \$2,328,300

<u>Major Budget Changes From FY 2016-17 YTD Appropriations</u>	<u>FY 2016-17 Year-to-Date (as of 2/8/17)</u>	<u>FY 2017-18 Conference Change</u>
5. Westside Residential Alternative to Prison Program <u>Executive</u> includes \$1.5 million to expand the current Wayne Residential Alternative to Prison program to thirteen counties on the west side of the state. The program provides new and additional sentencing options for probation violators who may otherwise be sentenced to prison, including vocational, educational, and cognitive programming in a secure, highly structured setting. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> does not include funding for expansion of the program. Further, <u>Senate</u> eliminates the \$500,000 that is appropriated in the current year budget for the program serving Wayne County. <u>Conference</u> includes \$1.5 million for expansion of the program.	Gross GF/GP NA NA	\$1,500,000 \$1,500,000
6. Removal of One-Time Funding <u>Executive</u> eliminates \$9.5 million in one-time funding that was included in the FY 2016-17 budget. One-time funding was appropriated for training new custody staff (\$8.5 million), ballistic vests (\$481,300), and the Supervising Region Incentive Program (\$481,300). <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> concurs.	Gross Restricted GF/GP \$9,468,700 481,300 \$8,987,400	(\$9,468,700) (481,300) (\$8,987,400)
7. Hepatitis C Funding Adjustment <u>Executive</u> reflects a savings of \$3.2 million GF/GP to align FY 2017-18 base funding for Hepatitis C treatment with anticipated caseload needs. The Executive budget recommendation includes a supplemental request for \$13.9 million in the FY 2016-17 budget to address treatment needs of prisoners that have Hepatitis C with metavir scores of F2. If the supplemental request is granted, the FY 2017-18 base funding level should be reduced to reflect the amount of funding needed in FY 2017-18 for the projected number of prisoners still requiring treatment. <u>House</u> reduces funding by \$8.2 million GF/GP based on lower than anticipated costs for treatment drugs. <u>Senate</u> reduces funding by \$10.0 million based on lower than anticipated costs for treatment drugs and a reduced prison population. <u>Conference</u> reduces funding by \$8.2 million.	Gross GF/GP \$14,935,000 \$14,935,000	(\$8,199,500) (\$8,199,500)
8. Program Eliminations <u>Executive</u> eliminates \$4.0 million and the following programs from the budget:	Gross GF/GP \$4,018,600 \$4,018,600	(\$1,518,600) (\$1,518,600)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goodwill Flip the Script (\$1.5 million) - Funding was first included in the FY 2014-15 budget for Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit in Wayne County to provide education, job training, and mentoring to troubled 16-39 year-olds, who have entered into the criminal justice system for the first or second time, in an effort to keep them out of prison. <u>House</u> retains the program and current year funding. <u>Senate</u> retains the program and includes an additional \$1.5 million over current year for a total appropriation of \$3.0 million. <u>Conference</u> retains current year funding. • Supervising Region Incentive Program (\$2.5 million) - Funding was first included in the FY 2016-17 budget and was authorized to be expended in accordance with provisions contained in the Supervising Region Incentive Act, which had not been enacted until just recently (SB 17, Public Act 11 of 2017). The idea was to provide incentives to field operations administration regions that implement supervision practices, procedures, and sanctions directed at parole and probation revocation reduction. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> retains current year funding and includes an additional \$2.5 million for a total appropriation of \$5.0 million. <u>Conference</u> reduces current year funding by \$1.5 million, leaving a \$1.0 million appropriation. 	Gross GF/GP NA NA	\$1,500,000 \$1,500,000
9. DTMB Rate Adjustments <u>Executive</u> includes \$1.5 million to cover costs of service rate changes that DTMB will make in FY 2017-18. DTMB will be making statewide changes in the billing methodology for desktop services from a bundled rate per desktop to a rate based on the number of users and devices. This change will result in increased billings to the department. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> concurs.	Gross GF/GP NA NA	\$1,500,000 \$1,500,000

<u>Major Budget Changes From FY 2016-17 YTD Appropriations</u>		<u>FY 2016-17 Year-to-Date (as of 2/8/17)</u>	<u>FY 2017-18 Conference Change</u>
10. Pugsley Facility Closure <u>Executive</u> eliminates \$800,000 that was included in the FY 2016-17 budget to assist with closure costs of the Pugsley Correctional Facility. The facility closed in September 2016. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> concurs.	Gross GF/GP	\$800,000 \$800,000	(\$800,000) (\$800,000)
11. Funding Adjustment for Administrative Hearings Officers <u>Executive</u> reduces funding for the Administrative Hearings Officers line item by \$200,000 based on projected caseloads. Due to the declining prison population, the level of services provided to the department by LARA, through the Michigan Administrative Hearings Services unit, has also declined. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> concurs.	Gross GF/GP	\$3,407,100 \$3,407,100	(\$200,000) (\$200,000)
12. Funding Adjustment for Inmate Legal Services <u>Executive</u> reduces funding for the Inmate Legal Services line item by \$200,000 due to lower contract costs. Pursuant to a 1996 court order, the department contracts out to provide eligible prisoners with legal assistance in matters relating to their criminal conviction and/or conditions of confinement. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> concurs.	Gross GF/GP	\$790,900 \$790,900	(\$200,000) (\$200,000)
13. Program and Fund Source Adjustments <u>Executive</u> makes the following program and fund source adjustments:	Gross Federal Local Restricted GF/GP	NA NA NA NA NA	(\$165,300) (237,100) 69,600 (14,300) \$16,500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduces federal education fund source authorization to reflect the amount of federal revenue the department expects to receive (\$237,100) Increases local community tether reimbursement fund source authorization to reflect increased participation in the program by local entities (\$69,600) Increases the appropriation for DHHS eligibility specialists to cover increased payroll costs charged to MDOC by DHHS (\$16,000) Reduces state restricted reentry center offender reimbursement fund source authorization to reflect the amount of revenue the department anticipates collecting (\$14,300) Increases the appropriation for judicial data warehouse user fees to cover costs charged to MDOC by the Judicial branch for the department's access to the data warehouse (\$600) Eliminates the \$100 placeholders for the Future Facility and the Cost-Effective Housing Initiative line items (\$200). <u>House</u> concurs with all adjustments made by Executive. <u>Senate</u> concurs with all adjustments but the elimination of the \$100 placeholder for the Future Facility line item (see item #28). <u>Conference</u> concurs with all adjustments but the elimination of the \$100 placeholder for the Future Facility line item (see item #28).			
14. Technical Adjustments <u>Executive</u> makes internal FTE adjustments, funding adjustments, and transfers throughout the budget, which have no overall Gross or GF/GP impact. Adjustments are made in order to more accurately reflect employee counts and where expenditures occur as a result of reorganizations within the department. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> concurs.	Gross GF/GP	NA NA	\$0 \$0
15. Economic Adjustments <u>Executive</u> reflects a net increase of \$12.5 million Gross (\$12.3 million GF/GP) for negotiated salary and wage increases (3.0% ongoing after removing the FY 2016-17 one-time 1.5% lump sum), actuarially required retirement contributions, worker's compensation, building occupancy charges, private rent, and food and utilities. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> concurs.	Gross Federal Local Restricted GF/GP	NA NA NA NA NA	\$12,507,200 7,200 80,000 90,400 \$12,329,600

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16. Medication-Assisted Treatment Reentry Pilot Program <u>Executive</u> retains current year funding of \$500,000 for the medication-assisted treatment reentry pilot program, which provides prerelease treatment and post-release referral for opioid-addicted and alcohol-addicted offenders. Offenders receive one injection prior to being released from custody and are connected with an aftercare plan. <u>House</u> includes \$500,000 in additional funding for expansion of the program. <u>Senate</u> retains current year funding. <u>Conference</u> retains current year funding.	Gross GF/GP	\$500,000 \$500,000	\$0 \$0
17. Public Safety Initiative <u>Executive</u> retains current year funding of \$4.5 million for the Public Safety Initiative. <u>House</u> reduces funding by \$3.5 million. <u>Senate</u> retains current year funding. <u>Conference</u> reduces funding by \$500,000.	Gross GF/GP	\$4,500,000 \$4,500,000	(\$500,000) (\$500,000)
18. Program and Special Equipment Fund Source Adjustment <u>Executive</u> does not make a recommendation. <u>House</u> reduces GF/GP funding used for prisoner education and for reentry programs by \$3.5 million and replaces the GF/GP with state restricted Program and Special Equipment Fund (SEF) revenue. <u>Senate</u> does not include additional SEF revenue. <u>Conference</u> reduces GF/GP by \$5.0 million and replaces it with a like amount of SEF revenue.	Gross Restricted GF/GP	\$6,134,600 6,134,600 \$0	\$0 5,000,000 (\$5,000,000)
19. County Jail Reimbursement Program <u>Executive</u> makes no recommendation. <u>House</u> makes no recommendation. <u>Senate</u> includes an additional \$3.5 million for the County Jail Reimbursement program. <u>Conference</u> does not include the additional funding.	Gross Restricted GF/GP	\$15,064,600 5,900,000 \$9,164,600	\$0 0 \$0
20. Online Career High School Education Pilot Program <u>Executive</u> makes no recommendation. <u>House</u> makes no recommendation. <u>Senate</u> includes \$3.0 million for a new online career high school education pilot program to serve up to 400 prisoners through a regionally accredited public or private school district that offers career-based online high school diplomas. <u>Conference</u> includes \$1.0 million.	Gross GF/GP	NA NA	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000
21. Federally Qualified Health Center Pilot Program <u>Executive</u> makes no recommendation. <u>House</u> makes no recommendation. <u>Senate</u> includes \$75,000 for the department to work with the organization that represents federally qualified health centers to implement a pilot project to ensure that behavioral and physical health needs of parolees and probationers are met. <u>Conference</u> includes the \$75,000.	Gross GF/GP	NA NA	\$75,000 \$75,000
22. Criminal Justice Reinvestment <u>Executive</u> makes no recommendation. <u>House</u> makes no recommendation. <u>Senate</u> includes an additional \$2.9 million for criminal justice reinvestment. Current year funding is used to pay for contracts with providers of reentry services, including specialized reentry services for parolees who are medically frail or who have mental health needs, and for substance abuse and sex offender treatment programming. <u>Conference</u> includes an additional \$925,100.	Gross GF/GP	\$4,573,300 \$4,573,300	\$925,100 \$925,100
23. Parole Sanction Certainty Program <u>Executive</u> makes no recommendation. <u>House</u> makes no recommendation. <u>Senate</u> changes the name of the current year "Parole Sanction Certainty Pilot Program" to "Substance Abuse Parole Certain Sanction Program". The recently enacted Public Act 1 of 2017, (SB 16), creates the new parole sanction certainty program in statute. The program currently in the MDOC budget, with the same title, is not the same as the program recently created in statute. A name change is necessary in order for there not to be an unconstitutional amendment by reference of the new law. <u>Conference</u> concurs.	Gross GF/GP	\$1,440,000 \$1,440,000	\$0 \$0

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24. Leased Beds and Alternatives to Leased Beds <u>Executive</u> makes no recommendation. <u>House</u> makes no recommendation. <u>Senate</u> includes \$3.5 million to reinstate the leased beds program, which was discontinued in the current year budget. In the FY 2016 budget, the program was funded at \$5.3 million. The funding was used to reimburse counties for housing MDOC prisoners who were low risk, nonviolent offenders, serving flat, two-year sentences. <u>Conference</u> does not include funding to reinstate the program.	Gross GF/GP \$100 \$100	\$0 \$0
25. Work for Restitution Program <u>Executive</u> makes no recommendation. <u>House</u> makes no recommendation. <u>Senate</u> includes \$1.0 million for a new work for restitution program. <u>Conference</u> does not include the funding.	Gross GF/GP NA NA	\$0 \$0
26. Prisoner Health Care <u>Executive</u> makes no recommendation. <u>House</u> makes no recommendation. <u>Senate</u> reduces funding for prisoner health care services by \$8.3 million based on a reduced prison population. <u>Conference</u> does not reduce funding.	Gross GF/GP \$69,880,400 \$69,880,400	\$0 \$0
27. Correctional Facilities Operations <u>Executive</u> makes no recommendation. <u>House</u> makes no recommendation. <u>Senate</u> reduces funding by \$41.6 million to be achieved by reducing 29 correctional facility line items by 3.9%, or an average of \$1,434,976. This equates to the loss of a total of 388.6 FTE positions, or 13.4 FTE positions at each of the facilities. <u>Conference</u> reduces funding by \$6.5 million to be achieved by permanently closing housing units at the Carson City, Gus Harrison, G. Robert Cotton, Marquette, and Michigan Reformatory correctional facilities.	Gross Federal Restricted GF/GP \$1,057,288,700 1,034,800 102,100 \$1,056,151,800	(\$6,500,700) 0 0 (\$6,500,700)
28. Future Correctional Facility <u>Executive</u> makes no recommendation. <u>House</u> makes no recommendation. <u>Senate</u> includes an additional \$4.4 million for the Future Facility line item, which is a \$100 placeholder line item in the current year budget. <u>Conference</u> includes an additional \$999,900, for a total appropriation of \$1.0 million, and changes the name of the line item to "Future Facility and Staff Transition Costs".	Gross GF/GP \$100 \$100	\$999,900 \$999,900

Major Boilerplate Changes From FY 2016-17

Sec. 247. Compilation of Data for Swift and Sure Sanctions Program – NEW

Requires MDOC to assist the State Court Administrative Office with data compilation for the Swift and Sure Sanctions program. Executive includes new language. House includes new language. Senate includes new language. Conference includes new language.

Sec. 248. Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference – NEW

Requires the Senate and House Fiscal Agencies and the State Budget Director, or State Treasurer, to establish a projected prisoner population and a projected number of available beds based on the population projection. Executive does not include new language. House does not include new language. Senate does not include new language. Conference includes new language.

Sec. 307. Vendor Contracts – REVISED

Requires MDOC to issue biannual reports on all vendor contracts, including start and expiration dates, site visits completed by department, and number and amount of fines for service-level agreement noncompliance, broken down by area of noncompliance. Executive revises language to require reports annually, restrict reports to covering only contracts with a value of \$5.0 million or more, and specify that site visits are "contract compliance monitoring" site visits. House concurs. Senate revises language to require reports on contracts with a value of \$500,000 or more and to specify that "site visits" are "contract compliance monitoring site visits". Conference concurs with Senate revisions.

Major Boilerplate Changes From FY 2016-17

Sec. 311. Michigan State Industries Program – NEW

Requires MDOC to conduct a study on the Michigan State Industries program, focusing on determining which industries within the 10 identified prosperity regions have the maximum benefit to prisoners in providing marketable skills and leading to employable outcomes after release from prison; requires MDOC to report on results of the study and recommendations. Executive does not include new language. House does not include new language. Senate includes new language. Conference includes new language, but revises it to require a report on MSI, to include the locations of the programs, number of participants at each location, description of job duties and work schedules, products produced, and how the programs provide marketable skills that lead to employable outcomes.

Sec. 403. Partnering for Providing Reentry Services – NEW

Requires MDOC to partner with nonprofit faith-based, business and professional, civic and community organizations for the purpose of providing prisoner reentry services. Executive does not include new language. House does not include new language. Senate includes new language. Conference includes new language.

Sec. 404. Matching Parolees with Potential Employers – NEW

Requires MDOC to ensure that all prisoners have a potential employer match in the communities to which they will return, prior to each prisoner's initial parole hearing. Executive does not include new language. House does not include new language. Senate includes new language. Conference includes new language, but revises it to add "when reasonably possible" for the department.

Sec. 406. Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) – NEW

Requires MDOC to work with the organization that represents federally qualified health centers to implement a pilot project to ensure that behavioral and physical health needs of parolees and probationers are met; requires pilot project to position FQHCs to ensure that parolees and probationers are enrolled in and maintain access to benefits that they qualify for, are linked to health care services they need, follow up with providers, stay on their medications, are engaged in services, and have barriers to care addressed; requires MDOC to make necessary accommodations to perform the transition planning to allow for a direct referral to the FQHC organization to patients in relevant areas; authorizes FQHCs to submit annual reports. Executive does not include new language. House does not include new language. Senate includes new language. Conference includes new language.

Sec. 409. Workforce Development Program – REVISED

Requires MDOC to work with the Talent Investment Agency within DTED and local entities to design services and to coordinate reentry and vocational education programs for prisoners in an effort to encourage employment of prisoners upon release from prison; requires report on results of workforce development program. Executive revises language to eliminate legislative intent, and, instead, authorize MDOC to continue to offer workforce development programming through the entire duration of the prisoner's incarceration. House concurs. Senate requires MDOC to continue to offer workforce development programming through the entire duration of the prisoner's incarceration. Conference concurs with Senate revisions.

Sec. 425. Medication-Assisted Treatment Reentry Pilot Program – REVISED

Requires MDOC to establish a medication-assisted treatment reentry pilot program to provide prerelease treatment and post-release referral for opioid-addicted and alcohol-addicted offenders; requires MDOC to collaborate with residential and non-residential substance abuse treatment providers and with community-based clinics to provide post-release treatment; authorizes manufacturer to provide MDOC with samples of medication at no cost to department; requires MDOC to provide participating offenders with one injection prior to release from custody and to connect offenders with aftercare plan; requires MDOC to report follow-up information on offenders who receive injections. Executive retains current language. House revises language to specify coordination of direct and indirect services through federally qualified health centers in Wayne, Washtenaw, Genesee, Berrien, Van Buren, and Allegan counties. Senate retains current language. Conference concurs with House revisions.

Sec. 426. Mental Health Services for Prisoners Upon Release – NEW

Requires MDOC to ensure that prisoners with diagnosed mental illness are referred to local mental health care providers for treatment upon release from prison; requires MDOC to ensure that local providers are able and willing to treat prisoners and that providers are informed of prisoners' treatment plans, to include medications. Executive does not include new language. House does not include new language. Senate includes new language. Conference includes new language, but revises it to not require the department to ensure that local providers are able and willing, but to refer inmates to providers who are able and willing.

Sec. 604.(2) Programming for County Jail Inmates – NEW

Requires MDOC to allocate \$600,000 of the appropriation for Criminal Justice Reinvestment to an organization that provides county jail inmates with programming and services to prepare them for obtaining and retaining employment. Executive does not include new language. House does not include new language. Senate includes new language. Conference includes new language.

Sec. 616. Parole Board Reviews of Parolable Lifers – DELETED

Requires the Parole Board to review its policies related to review and parole of offenders serving parolable life sentences, with consideration given to those that do not pose an ongoing risk to society. Executive deletes. House deletes. Senate retains. Conference deletes.

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Sec. 617. Residential Alternative to Prison Program – NEW

Requires MDOC to provide vocational, educational, and cognitive programming in a secure environment to enhance existing alternative sentencing options, increase employment readiness and successful placement rates, and reduce new criminal behavior for the West Michigan probation violator population. Executive includes new language. House includes new language. Senate does not include new language. Conference includes new language.

Sec. 806. Mental Health and Sex Offender Programming – DELETED

Requires funding appropriated for expanded mental health and sex offender programming to be used to address increased caseloads, reduce the number of prisoners on waiting lists who are past their earliest release dates, and reduce the percentage of prisoners readmitted to mental health programs at their previous level of care. Executive deletes. House deletes. Senate deletes. Conference deletes.

Sec. 901. Leasing of Facilities, Purchasing Private Facilities, and Reopening Closed Facilities – DELETED

Requires MDOC to work with DTMB on determining the costs of entering into an agreement to lease or purchase a private facility to be operated by the department, as well as costs of reopening closed facilities already owned by the department, to determine if it would be in the best interests of citizens to house prisoners in one of those settings, rather than in a facility currently operated by the department; requires an annual report on acquisition, lease, reopening, and modernization costs, taxes, utilities, and expected future capital repair and upgrades at facilities. Executive deletes. House retains. Senate deletes. Conference deletes.

Sec. 902. Vocational Village – DELETED

Requires MDOC to expend \$2.0 million of the appropriation for education programs on expansion of the vocational village program. Executive deletes. House deletes. Senate deletes. Conference deletes.

Sec. 902. Future Facility Staff Transition – NEW

Requires at least \$1.0 million of the \$4.4 million appropriated for a future facility to be used for staff transition costs. Executive does not include new language. House does not include new language. Senate includes new language. Conference includes new language, but revises it to reflect the appropriation that is included in the conference report.

Sec. 905. Leased Beds and Alternatives to Leased Beds – NEW

Authorizes MDOC to implement a county jail bed program to house eligible prisoners in county jails rather than in state correctional facilities; authorizes counties to volunteer to participate in the program; specifies criteria that prisoners must meet in order to be eligible to participate in the program. Executive does not include new language. House does not include new language. Senate does not include new language. Conference includes new language.

Sec. 908. High School Diploma in Lieu of High School Equivalency – DELETED

Requires MDOC to explore the feasibility of establishing an online career high school education pilot program, or other alternatives for providing prisoners with a high school diploma instead of a high school equivalency; requires MDOC to explore establishing outside partnerships to assist with providing high school diplomas; requires MDOC to report on steps the department would have to take, resources needed, and organizational changes required to provide prisoners with a high school diploma instead of a high school equivalency. Executive deletes. House deletes. Senate deletes. Conference deletes.

Sec. 908. Online Career High School Education Program – NEW

Requires MDOC to establish an online career high school education pilot program to serve up to 400 prisoners through a regionally accredited public or private school district that offers career-based online high school diplomas; requires the school district chosen for the pilot program to be paid a specified amount per prisoner per course successfully completed; authorizes MDOC to use federal funds to expand the program beyond 400 prisoners; requires MDOC to report on the progress of prisoners in the program. Executive does not include new language. House does not include new language. Senate includes new language. Conference includes new language.

Sec. 909. Educational Programming – DELETED

Requires MDOC to focus on providing career-based educational programming for prisoners, to include vocational trade programs and employment readiness programs. Executive deletes. House deletes. Senate retains. Conference deletes.

Sec. 912. Institutional Staffing – REVISED

Requires MDOC to report annually on ratios of corrections officers to prisoners, shift command staff to line custody staff, and noncustody institutional staff to prisoners for each correctional institution. Executive deletes. House deletes. Senate retains. Conference revises language to require monthly reports instead of an annual report.

Sec. 930. Youth in Prison – NEW

Requires the department to submit quarterly reports on the number of youth in prison, including the number of prisoners under age 18 not on HYTA status, number of prisoners under age 18 on HYTA status, and number of prisoners aged 18-23 on HYTA status. Executive does not include new language. House includes new language. Senate does not include new language. Conference includes new language.

Sec. 943. Savings from Prison Closures – NEW

Requires the department to submit a report on actual and projected savings achieved by closing correctional facilities. Executive does not include new language. House includes new language. Senate does not include new language. Conference includes new language.

Major Boilerplate Changes From FY 2016-17

Sec. 944. Economic Impact of Prison Closures – NEW

Requires the department to consider the potential economic impact of a prison closure on the community where the facility is located. Executive does not include new language. House includes new language. Senate does not include new language. Conference includes new language.

Sec. 945. Notice on Intent to Renew or Rebid Food Service Contract – NEW

Requires the department to provide notice to the legislature and to the fiscal agencies of its intent to renew or rebid the prisoner food service contract. Executive does not include new language. House includes new language. Senate does not include new language. Conference includes new language.

Sec. 1000. Increased Information Technology Bandwidth – DELETED

Requires one-time funding appropriated for increasing information technology bandwidth to be used to support critical information technology systems that provide platforms for several mandated programs and department cost savings efforts. Executive deletes. House deletes. Senate deletes. Conference deletes.

Sec. 1013. Faith-Based Reentry Programs – NEW

Authorizes priority to be given to funding reentry or rehabilitation programs that have been demonstrated to reduce prison violence and recidivism, including faith-based initiatives. Executive does not include new language. House does not include new language. Senate includes new language. Conference includes new language.

Sec. 1100. New Custody Staff Training – REVISED

Requires MDOC to use funding appropriated for new custody staff to increase the training capacity to address higher than normal attrition of officers and to decrease overtime costs. Executive revises number of correction officers from "350" to "177". House concurs. Senate does not include language. Conference includes Executive revisions.