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## **SB 1629: ombudsman; corrections; reporting requirements**

**Sponsor: Senator Bolick, LD 2**

**Transmitted to the Governor**

### **Overview**

Requires the Ombudsman-Citizens Aide (Citizens Aide) and the Director of the Department of Corrections (DOC) to produce annual reports with specified information on corrections facilities, staff and inmates.

### **History**

The Citizens Aide investigates administrative acts of agencies and prepares annual written reports on the investigations ([A.R.S. § 41-1376](#)). The Citizens Aide is selected by a committee consisting of legislators, public members, consumer groups and state employees who are appointed by the Governor, President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives ([A.R.S. § 41-1373](#)). The Citizens Aide is required to serve no more than three terms of five years ([A.R.S. § 41-1375](#)).

### **Provisions**

1. Requires the Citizens Aide to submit an annual report to specified members of the legislative branch by December 31 containing the number of complaints regarding DOC, the topic of each complaint and how it was resolved. (Sec. 1)
2. Requires the Director of DOC to submit an annual report to specified members of the legislative branch by December 31 that contains the number of:
  - a) inmate deaths and suicide attempts made while in custody;
  - b) physical and sexual assaults;
  - c) inmates placed in administrative segregation or solitary confinement and the duration;
  - d) facility lockdowns lasting more than 24 hours;
  - e) staff, their tenure, the turnover rate, vacancies and compensation at each facility;
  - f) inmates at each facility;
  - g) the inmate-to-staff ratio;
  - h) in-person visits made for each inmate at each facility;
  - i) in-person visits denied for each inmate at each facility; and
  - j) inmate complaints submitted to DOC, the resolution of each complaint and the time it took to resolve them. (Sec. 2)
3. Makes technical changes. (Sec. 2)

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