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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing the Task Force on the Viability of Aging
1.3 State Correctional Facilities; requiring a report.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. TASK FORCE ON THE VIABILITY OF AGING STATE
1.6 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The Task Force on the Viability of Aging State
1.8 Correctional Facilities is established to advise the legislature on the continued viability of
1.9 the state correctional facilities located in St. Cloud and Stillwater.

1.10 Subd. 2. Membership. (a) The task force shall consist of the following members:

- 1.11 (1) the commissioner of corrections or a designee;
1.12 (2) the commissioner of administration or a designee;
1.13 (3) the chairs of the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction
1.14 over capital investment and public safety;
1.15 (4) a legislator from Senate District 14;
1.16 (5) a legislator from Senate District 33;
1.17 (6) the ombudsperson for corrections or a designee;
1.18 (7) the capital resource director at the Department of Corrections;
1.19 (8) a warden of a state correctional facility appointed by the commissioner of corrections;

2.1 (9) a representative from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal
2.2 Employees appointed by that organization;

2.3 (10) a representative from the Minnesota Association of Professional Employees
2.4 appointed by that organization;

2.5 (11) a person formerly incarcerated at the state correctional facility in Stillwater appointed
2.6 by the governor;

2.7 (12) a person formerly incarcerated at the state correctional facility in St. Cloud appointed
2.8 by the governor;

2.9 (13) a representative of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota appointed
2.10 by that organization;

2.11 (14) a representative of the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association appointed by the association;

2.12 (15) a public health expert appointed by the commissioner of health;

2.13 (16) a representative of a criminal justice reform advocacy organization appointed by
2.14 the governor;

2.15 (17) a security expert appointed by the governor; and

2.16 (18) a private sector employment and economic development expert appointed by the
2.17 governor.

2.18 (b) Members shall be designated or appointed to the task force by September 1, 2024.

2.19 (c) Members of the task force serve without compensation.

2.20 (d) Members of the task force serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority or until
2.21 the task force expires. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority consistent with
2.22 the qualifications of the vacating member required by this subdivision.

2.23 Subd. 3. **Organization; meetings.** (a) The commissioner of corrections or the
2.24 commissioner's designee shall convene the first meeting of the task force by October 1,
2.25 2024.

2.26 (b) At the first meeting, the members of the task force shall elect a chair and other officers
2.27 as the members deem necessary.

2.28 (c) The task force shall meet monthly or as determined by the chair. The task force shall
2.29 meet sufficiently enough to accomplish the tasks identified in this section.

3.1 (d) Meetings of the task force are subject to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D. Task force
3.2 meetings must be recorded and available to the public on the website of the Department of
3.3 Corrections.

3.4 Subd. 4. **Staff; meeting space.** The commissioner of corrections shall provide support
3.5 staff, office and meeting space, and administrative services for the task force.

3.6 Subd. 5. **Duties.** The task force shall evaluate the viability of the state correctional
3.7 facilities located in St. Cloud and Stillwater including an assessment of potential costs,
3.8 benefits, and impacts of both repairing and replacing the correctional facilities.

3.9 Subd. 6. **Report.** The task force must file a report with the commissioner of corrections
3.10 and the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives
3.11 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over public safety and capital investment on the
3.12 evaluation completed under subdivision 5 on or before February 1, 2025.

3.13 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The task force expires the day after submitting its report under
3.14 subdivision 6.