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**241.01 CREATION OF DEPARTMENT.**

Subdivision 1. **Commissioner.** The department of corrections is created under the control and supervision of the commissioner of corrections which office is established. The commissioner of corrections shall be selected without regard to political affiliation and shall have wide and successful administrative experience in correctional programs embodying rehabilitative concepts. The commissioner shall be appointed by the governor under the provisions of section 15.06.

Subd. 2. **Divisions; deputies.** The commissioner of corrections may appoint and employ no more than two deputy commissioners. The commissioner may also appoint a personal secretary, who shall serve at his pleasure in the unclassified civil service.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1975 c 304 s 15]

Subd. 3a. **Commissioner, powers and duties.** The commissioner of corrections shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To accept persons committed to him by the courts of this state for care, custody, and rehabilitation.

(b) To determine the place of confinement of committed persons in a correctional facility or other facility of the department of corrections and to prescribe reasonable conditions, rules, and regulations for their employment, conduct, instruction, and discipline within or without the facility. Inmates shall not exercise custodial functions or have authority over other inmates or serve on the board of directors or hold any executive position in any corporation, private industry or educational program located on the grounds of or conducted within a state correctional facility.

(c) To administer the money and property of the department.

(d) To administer, maintain, and inspect all state correctional facilities.

(e) To transfer authorized positions and personnel between state correctional facilities as necessary to properly staff facilities and programs.

(f) To utilize state correctional facilities in the manner he determines to be most efficient and beneficial in the accomplishment of these purposes, but not to close the Minnesota correctional facility-Stillwater or the Minnesota correctional facility-St. Cloud without legislative approval.

(g) To organize the department and employ personnel he deems necessary to discharge the functions of the department, including a chief executive officer for each facility under his control who shall serve in the unclassified civil service and may, under the provisions of section 43A.33, be removed only for cause, and two internal affairs officers for security who shall be in the unclassified civil service.

(h) To define the duties of these employees and to delegate to them any of his powers, duties and responsibilities, subject to his control and the conditions he prescribes.

(i) To annually develop a comprehensive set of goals and objectives designed to clearly establish the priorities of the department of corrections. This report shall be submitted to the governor and the state legislature commencing January 1, 1976. The commissioner shall have the power to establish ad hoc advisory committees.

**Subd. 4. Bond and oath of commissioner.** Before entering upon the duties of his office, the commissioner of corrections shall take and subscribe an oath and give his bond to the state of Minnesota, to be approved by the governor and filed with the secretary of state, in the sum of \$25,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

**Subd. 5. Training program.** For the maintenance of adequate standards of operation in discharging the functions of the department, obtaining suitable candidates for positions for which there is a scarcity of qualified applicants, and the development of more effective treatment programs directed toward the correction and rehabilitation of persons found delinquent or guilty of crimes, and of more effective delinquency prevention the commissioner of corrections shall establish a training program including but not limited to in-service, pre-service, internship and scholarship programs, and an operational research program. Within the limits of appropriations available, the commissioner may provide educational stipends or tuition reimbursement in such amounts and upon such terms and conditions as may be determined jointly by the commissioner of employee relations. Within the limits of appropriations therefor the commissioner shall establish and provide personnel, facilities and equipment for research and study to evaluate the effectiveness of correctional treatment in camps, facilities, probation and parole investigation and supervision and delinquency prevention.

**Subd. 5a. Acceptance of gifts, grants and subsidies; purposes.** For the purposes of subdivision 5 and to discharge the functions of the department through the establishment of additional facilities and services to persons committed to his care the commissioner may, subject to the provisions of section 15.43,

accept and expend on behalf of the state, gifts, grants and subsidies from any lawful source; all moneys and securities so received shall be deposited in the state treasury subject to the order of the commissioner. From the fund to which such receipts are credited there is hereby appropriated annually to the commissioner of corrections such gifts, grants and subsidies as are received under the provisions of this subdivision.

**Subd. 6. Corrections; uncompensated and voluntary services; expenses.** To assist in the discharge of the functions of his department the commissioner of corrections shall have authority to accept uncompensated and voluntary services and to enter into contracts or agreements with private or public agencies or persons for such uncompensated and voluntary services as he may deem practicable. Persons rendering voluntary uncompensated services as herein authorized may be reimbursed for travel expenses paid or incurred in the performance of such official duties as may be assigned them at the same rate per mile as state employees. It is the purpose of this subdivision to provide travel expenses only to those volunteers who would otherwise be unable to afford to perform volunteer services.

**Subd. 7. Use of facilities by outside agencies.** The commissioner of corrections may authorize and permit public or private social service, educational or rehabilitation agencies or organizations and their clients to use the facilities, staff and other resources of correctional facilities under his control and may require the participating agencies or organizations to pay all or part of the costs thereof. All sums of money received pursuant to the agreements herein authorized shall not cancel until the end of the fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year in which the funds were received. The funds are available for use by the commissioner during that period, and are hereby appropriated annually to the commissioner of corrections for the purposes of this subdivision.

**Subd. 8. [Repealed, 1981 c 192 s 21]**

**History:** 1959 c 263 s 1; 1961 c 465 s 1; 1963 c 492 s 1; 1965 c 45 s 11,12; 1969 c 283 s 1,2; 1969 c 496 s 1; 1969 c 1129 art 8 s 5; 1971 c 657 s 1; 1973 c 82 s 1; 1973 c 94 s 1,2; 1973 c 500 s 1; 1973 c 507 s 45; 1973 c 654 s 15; 1975 c 304 s 1,2; 1975 c 434 s 26; 1976 c 63 s 1; 1977 c 305 s 28,29; 1979 c 102 s 13; 1980 c 617 s 47; 1982 c 527 s 1

## 241.02 TRANSFER OF POWERS AND DUTIES.

**Subdivision 1. State prisons and reformatories.** All the powers and duties now vested in or imposed upon the commissioner of public welfare relating to the administration, management, and operation of the state prison, the state reformatory for men, and the Minnesota correctional institution for women are hereby transferred to, vested in, and imposed upon the commissioner of corrections. All the powers and duties now vested in the commissioner of public welfare in relation to such institutions are hereby abolished.

**Subd. 2. Prisons, jails and lockups.** All the powers and duties now vested in, or imposed upon the commissioner of public welfare relating to prisons, jails, and lockups, as contained in sections 256.02, 641.21, 641.22, 641.25, 641.26, 642.01, 642.02, 642.09, 642.10, and 642.11 are hereby transferred to, vested in, and imposed upon the commissioner of corrections. All the powers and duties now vested in the commissioner of public welfare in relation to such prisons, jails, and lockups, are hereby abolished.

**History:** 1959 c 263 s 2; 1967 c 398 s 4

**241.021 LICENSING AND SUPERVISION OF INSTITUTIONS AND FACILITIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Supervision over correctional institutions.** (1) The commissioner of corrections shall inspect and license all correctional facilities throughout the state, whether public or private, established and operated for the detention and confinement of persons detained or confined therein according to law except to the extent that they are inspected or licensed by other state regulating agencies. He shall promulgate pursuant to chapter 14, rules establishing minimum standards for these facilities with respect to their management, operation, physical condition, and the security, safety, health, treatment and discipline of persons detained or confined therein. Commencing September 1, 1980, no individual, corporation, partnership, voluntary association or other private organization legally responsible for the operation of a correctional facility may operate the facility unless licensed by the commissioner of corrections. The commissioner shall annually review the correctional facilities described in this subdivision, except as otherwise provided herein, to determine compliance with the minimum standards established pursuant to this subdivision. The commissioner shall grant a license to any facility found to conform to minimum standards or to any facility which, in his judgment, is making satisfactory progress toward substantial conformity and the interests and well-being of the persons detained or confined therein are protected. The commissioner shall have access to the buildings, grounds, books, records, staff and to persons detained or confined in these facilities. He may require the officers in charge of these facilities to furnish all information and statistics he deems necessary, upon forms furnished by him.

(2) Any state agency which regulates, inspects, or licenses certain aspects of correctional facilities shall, insofar as is possible, ensure that the minimum standards it requires are substantially the same as those required by other state agencies which regulate, inspect, or license the same aspects of similar types of correctional facilities, although at different correctional facilities.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the commissioner of corrections' authority to promulgate rules establishing standards of eligibility for counties to receive funds under sections 401.01 to 401.16, or to require counties to comply with operating standards the commissioner establishes as a condition precedent for counties to receive that funding.

(4) When the commissioner finds that any facility described in clause (1) of this subdivision, except foster care facilities for delinquent children and youth as provided in subdivision 2, does not substantially conform to the minimum standards established by the commissioner and is not making satisfactory progress toward substantial conformance, he shall promptly notify the chief executive officer and the governing board of the facility of the deficiencies and order that they be remedied within a reasonable period of time. The commissioner may by written order restrict the use of any facility which does not substantially conform to minimum standards to prohibit the detention of any person therein for more than 72 hours at one time. When, after due notice and hearing, the commissioner finds that any facility described in this subdivision, except county jails and lockups as provided in sections 641.26, 642.10, and 642.11, does not conform to minimum standards, or is not making satisfactory progress toward substantial compliance therewith, he may issue his order revoking the license of that facility. After revocation of its license, that facility shall not be used until its license is renewed. When the commissioner is satisfied that satisfactory progress towards substantial compliance with minimum standard is being made, he may, at the request of the appropriate officials of the affected facility supported by a written schedule for compliance, grant an extension of time for a period not to exceed one year.

(5) As used in this subdivision, "correctional facility" means any facility, including a group home, having a residential component, the primary purpose of which is to serve persons placed therein by a court, court services department, parole authority, or other correctional agency having dispositional power over persons charged with, convicted or adjudicated to be guilty or delinquent.

**Subd. 2. Foster care facilities for delinquent children and youth; licenses; supervision.** Notwithstanding any provisions in sections 256.01, subdivision 2, clause (2), and 245.783 to 245.791 to the contrary, the commissioner of corrections shall pass annually on the adequacy and suitability of all county, municipal or other publicly established and operated facilities for the detention, care and training of delinquent children and youth, if such facility conforms to reasonable standards established by the commissioner or in his judgment is making satisfactory progress toward substantial conformity therewith, and he is satisfied that the interests and well-being of children and youth received therein are protected, he shall grant a license to the county, municipality or agency thereof operating such facility. This license shall remain in force one year unless sooner revoked. Each such facility shall cooperate with the commissioner to make available all facts regarding its operation and services as he requires to determine its conformance to standards and its competence to give the services needed and which purports to give. Every such facility as herein described is subject to visitation and supervision by the commissioner and shall receive from him consultation as needed to strengthen services to the children and youth received therein.

**Subd. 3. Revocation of license.** When after due notice and hearing the commissioner of corrections determines that any facility described in subdivision 2 does not substantially conform to the reasonable standards therein provided or is not making satisfactory progress toward substantial compliance therewith, he may, with the consent of the judge of the district court, issue his order revoking the license of that facility. After revocation of its license, that facility shall not be used for the care and training of delinquent children, or for their detention until its license is renewed.

**Subd. 4. Health care.** The commissioner of corrections shall provide professional health care to persons confined in institutions under the control of the commissioner of corrections and pay the costs of their care in hospitals and other medical facilities not under the control of the commissioner of corrections, including the secure treatment unit operated by the St. Paul - Ramsey Hospital. All reimbursements for these health care services shall be deposited in the general fund.

**Subd. 5. Sales to department of administration.** July 1 of each year and quarterly thereafter, the commissioner of corrections shall notify the commissioner of administration of the articles, supplies, and services available from industrial activities conducted at state correctional institutions, and the commissioner of administration shall purchase from the state correctional institutions those articles, supplies, and services needed by state departments and agencies, unless the commissioner of corrections certifies that the correctional institutions cannot provide them at a price within five percent of the fair market price for comparable level of quality and within a reasonable delivery time. In determining the fair market price the commissioner of administration shall use competitive bidding or consider open market bid prices in previous years for similar products and services, plus inflationary increases.

**History:** 1961 c 750 s 27 subd 2; 1969 c 493 s 1; 1976 c 299 s 1,2; 1978 c 778 s 1; 1980 c 417 s 1; 1980 c 580 s 1; 1980 c 618 s 18; 1981 c 360 art 1 s 16; 1Sp1981 c 4 art 1 s 99; 1982 c 424 s 130

**241.022 GRANTS-IN-AID TO COUNTIES FOR DETENTION FACILITIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Authorization to make grants.** For the purpose of assisting counties to construct or rehabilitate local detention facilities and to assist groups of counties in the construction or rehabilitation of regional jails and lockups, work houses, or work farms, and detention and treatment facilities for adult offenders, youthful offenders, and delinquent children, and to aid such counties in developing and maintaining adequate programs and personnel for the education, training, treatment and rehabilitation of persons admitted to such institutions, the commissioner of corrections is hereby authorized and empowered, out of any money appropriated for the purposes of this section, to make grants to such counties. The commissioner may also receive grants of funds from the federal government or any other lawful source for the purpose of this section, and such funds are hereby appropriated annually to the commissioner.

Subd. 2. **Minimum standards.** The commissioner shall establish minimum standards for the construction, rehabilitation, size, area to be served, training and treatment programs, staff qualifications, and projected annual operating costs of facilities to be rehabilitated or constructed. Compliance with these standards shall constitute a minimum requirement for the granting of assistance as provided by this section.

Subd. 3. **Application for grants.** Any county or group of counties operating any of the facilities described in subdivision 1 or desiring to construct and operate or to rehabilitate existing facilities may apply for assistance under this section by submitting to the commissioner of corrections for his approval its plans, specifications, budget, program for training and treatment, and staffing pattern, including personnel qualifications. The commissioner may recommend such changes or modifications as he deems necessary to effect substantial compliance with the standards provided in subdivision 2. When the commissioner has determined that any county or group of counties has substantially complied with the minimum standards, or is making satisfactory progress toward such compliance he may pay to such counties an amount not to exceed 50 percent of the cost of construction or rehabilitation of the facilities described in this section, and, in the case of improvement of program and continued operation of any program in a regional facility as described in subdivision 1, he may pay to the governing board of such facility a sum not to exceed \$1,800 per year for each adult bed and \$3,200 per year for each juvenile bed as approved in the submitted plans and specifications.

Subd. 4. **Inspection.** The commissioner shall inspect at least annually each facility covered by this section and review its projected annual operating costs to insure continued compliance with minimum standards, and may withhold funds for noncompliance.

Subd. 5. **Limitation of grants to future projects.** Completion and acceptance of new construction or rehabilitation of existing facilities must occur after June 5, 1971, to enable a county or group of counties to receive any sums provided by this section.

This section shall apply only for those projects where a specific appropriation has been made.

**History:** 1971 c 735 s 1

**241.023** MS 75 Supp [Repealed, 1976 c 149 s 63]

**241.023 DESIGNATION OF STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.**

Subdivision 1. All references in the Minnesota Statutes to the state training school, the Minnesota home school, the state prison, the state reformatory, and the Minnesota correctional institution for women shall, after August 1, 1979, be

deemed to refer to a Minnesota correctional facility designated by its geographical location.

Subd. 2. Any state correctional facility now or hereafter established shall be designated as a Minnesota correctional facility according to the geographical area in which located.

**History:** 1979 c 102 s 11

#### **241.024 DESIGNATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.**

The warden or superintendent of each Minnesota correctional facility, now or hereafter established shall, after August 1, 1979, be designated as the chief executive officer of the facility.

**History:** 1979 c 102 s 12

**241.03** [Repealed, 1973 c 654 s 14]

**241.04** [Repealed, 1973 c 654 s 14]

#### **241.045 CORRECTIONS BOARD.**

Subdivision 1. **Creation.** There is hereby created the corrections board consisting of five full time members; four of whom shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate. No more than two members appointed by the governor shall belong to the same political party. Appointments to a vacancy shall be made in the same manner as other appointments, and shall be for the unexpired term. The chairman of the board shall be an officer of the department of corrections in the unclassified service of the state appointed by the commissioner of corrections to serve at his pleasure.

Subd. 2. **Qualifications.** Candidates for appointment to the corrections board shall not be required to have specific academic or professional attainment, but shall have knowledge or experience in corrections or related fields and be selected on the basis of sound judgment and the ability to consider both the needs of persons over whom the board has jurisdiction and the safety of the public. Among the members appointed by the governor, there shall be at least one woman, one man, and one member of a racial minority.

Subd. 3. **Term of office; reappointment.** The members of the board shall serve for terms of six years. Members shall be eligible for reappointment.

Subd. 3a. **Removal; vacancies.** The removal of members and filling of vacancies on the board in respect to members other than the commissioner of corrections shall be as provided in section 15.0575.

Subd. 4. **Compensation; expenses.** Each member of the board other than the chairman shall receive compensation in the same manner as other employees of the state. The chairman of the board shall receive as compensation his salary as an officer of the department of corrections, which shall not be less than the salary of the other members of the board. In addition to the compensation herein provided, each member of the board shall be reimbursed for all expenses paid or incurred by him in the performance of his official duties in the same manner as other employees of the state. This compensation and these expenses shall be paid out of the general fund in the same manner as the salaries and expenses of other state officers are paid, except that the salary and expenses of the chairman of the board shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the commissioner of corrections.

Subd. 5. [Repealed, 1976 c 134 s 79]

Subd. 6. **Quorum.** Except for the parole of persons serving life sentences under the provisions of section 609.185, persons serving extended terms of

imprisonment as dangerous offenders under section 609.16, or the discharge of such persons pursuant to section 242.31, the board may sit in units of two or three as designated by the chairman under rules prescribed by the board, and such a unit shall constitute a quorum.

Subd. 7. **Transfer of powers and duties.** (a) All the powers and duties now vested in and imposed upon the youth conservation commission and the adult corrections commission as now constituted, including but not limited to those relating to the disposition of persons committed to the youth conservation commission by the district courts of this state, the granting or revoking of probation or parole, issuing final discharge, and the power to grant or revoke parole and issue final discharge to persons convicted of crime and committed to the adult corrections commission as now constituted are hereby vested in and imposed upon the corrections board, and the youth conservation commission and the adult corrections commission are hereby abolished. The board may not delegate the making of such decisions to another body or person.

(b) Whenever because of illness or vacation of a regular member there is a lack of a quorum, the chairman may appoint, with the approval of the commissioner of corrections, an employee of the department of corrections to sit as a voting member of the board at a regularly scheduled hearing and to perform administrative duties as assigned by the chairman. The appointments shall be for no more than 30 days and are subject to the approval of the majority of the board members.

Subd. 8. **References.** All references in Minnesota Statutes to the youth conservation commission relating to persons committed to the commission by the district courts of this state shall, after the effective date of Laws 1973, Chapter 654, be deemed to refer to the corrections board established by Laws 1973, Chapter 654.

All references in Minnesota Statutes to the youth conservation commission or its director relating to juveniles adjudicated delinquent by the juvenile courts of this state shall, after the effective date of Laws 1973, Chapter 654 be deemed to refer to the commissioner of corrections.

**History:** 1973 c 654 s 1; 1975 c 61 s 4; 1975 c 271 s 6; 1975 c 304 s 3; 1976 c 134 s 54,55; 1977 c 455 s 81; 1978 c 723 art 2 s 1; ISp1981 c 4 art 1 s 100

**NOTE:** The Minnesota corrections board is abolished effective June 30, 1982. See Laws 1981, Chapter 360, Article 1, Section 4, Subdivision 2.

#### 241.05 RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

The commissioner of corrections shall provide at least one hour, on the first day of each week, between nine o'clock a.m. and five o'clock p.m., for religious instruction to inmates of all prisons and reformatories under his control, during which clergymen of good standing in any church or denomination may freely administer and impart religious rites and instruction to those desiring the same. He shall provide a private room where such instruction can be given by clergymen of the denomination desired by the inmate, or, in case of minors, by the parents or guardian, and, in case of sickness, some other day or hour may be designated; but all sectarian practices are prohibited, and no officer or employee of the institution shall attempt to influence the religious belief of any inmate, and none shall be required to attend religious services against his will.

**History:** RL s 1903; 1959 c 263 s 2 (4452)

#### 241.06 RECORD OF INMATES; DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

The commissioner of corrections shall keep in his office, accessible only by his consent or on the order of a judge or court of record, a record showing the



residence, sex, age, nativity, occupation, civil condition, and date of entrance or commitment of every person, inmate, or convict in the facilities under his exclusive control, the date of discharge and whether such discharge was final, the condition of such person when he left the facility, and the date and cause of all deaths. The records shall state every transfer from one facility to another, naming each. This information shall be furnished to the commissioner of corrections by each facility, with such other obtainable facts as he may from time to time require. The chief executive officer of each such facility, within ten days after the commitment or entrance thereto of a person, inmate, or convict, shall cause a true copy of his entrance record to be forwarded to the commissioner of corrections. When a person, inmate, or convict leaves, is discharged or transferred, or dies in any facility, the chief executive officer, or other person in charge shall inform the commissioner of corrections within ten days thereafter on forms by him furnished.

The commissioner of corrections may authorize the chief executive officer of any facility under his control to release to probation officers, county welfare boards or other specifically designated interested persons or agencies any information regarding any person, inmate, or convict thereat, if, in the opinion of the commissioner, it will be for the benefit of the person, inmate, or convict.

*History: 1961 c 750 s 13 subd 2; 1979 c 102 s 13*

#### **241.07 TRANSFER OF INMATES TO OTHER STATE INSTITUTIONS.**

The commissioner of corrections may transfer an inmate of any state correctional facility to a state institution under the control of the commissioner of public welfare or to a private medical facility for diagnosis, treatment, or care which is not available at any state correctional facility and shall cause a proper record to be made at the institutions or facility to which a transfer has been made and at his office. No transfer shall be made by the commissioner of corrections without the approval of the commissioner of public welfare or the chief executive officer of the private facility. An inmate of any state correctional facility so transferred shall be returned to the correctional facility from which transferred by order of the commissioner of corrections upon conclusion of treatment, or, if the inmate becomes eligible for release from custody pursuant to the terms of the sentence prior to conclusion of treatment, the inmate shall be released unless, before conclusion of treatment, the inmate has been committed to a medical institution by competent authority as provided by law. The superintendent of any state institution or the chief executive officer of any private facility shall at once notify the commissioner of corrections if there is any question as to the propriety of the commitment or detention of any inmate admitted to their institution or facility and the commissioner shall immediately take action on the question.

*History: 1961 c 750 s 14 subd 2; 1967 c 398 s 4; 1979 c 102 s 13; 1980 c 357 s 14; 1981 c 192 s 1*

#### **241.08 MONEY OF INMATES OF CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS.**

Subdivision 1. The chief executive officer of each institution under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of corrections shall have the care and custody of all moneys belonging to inmates thereof which may come into his hands, keep accurate accounts thereof, and pay them out under rules and regulations prescribed by law or by the commissioner of corrections, taking vouchers therefor. He shall give such additional bond as the commissioner may require, conditioned to safely keep and account for such funds. All such moneys received by any officer or employee shall be paid to the chief executive officer forthwith. Every such executive officer, at the close of each month, or oftener if required by the commissioner, shall forward to the commissioner a statement of the amount of all moneys so received and the names of the inmates from whom received, accompa-

nied by his check for the amount, payable to the state treasurer. On receipt of such statement, the commissioner shall transmit the same to the commissioner of finance, together with such check, who shall deliver the same to the state treasurer. Upon the payment of such check, the amount shall be credited to a fund to be known as "Correctional Inmates Fund", for the institution from which the same was received. All such funds shall be paid out by the state treasurer upon vouchers duly approved by the commissioner of corrections as in other cases. The commissioner may permit a contingent fund to remain in the hands of the executive officer of any such institution from which necessary expenditure may from time to time be made.

Subd. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 1 or other law to the contrary, the commissioner of corrections may permit the inmates of the institutions under his control to deposit money in a bank or other financial institution. The commissioner shall establish rules governing the deposits and shall require each inmate to maintain at the institution in which confined an amount adequate for his needs during the period of his confinement and to assist him upon his release therefrom on parole or by discharge.

**History:** 1961 c 750 s 15 subd 3; 1973 c 69 s 1; 1973 c 492 s 14; 1980 c 509 s 95

#### **241.09 UNCLAIMED MONEY OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OF INMATES OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Money.** When the chief executive officer of any state correctional facility under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of corrections obtains money belonging to inmates of the facility who have died, been released or escaped, and the chief executive officer knows no claimant or person entitled to it, the chief executive officer shall, if the money is unclaimed within two years, deposit it in the inmate social welfare fund for the benefit of the inmates of the facility. No money shall be so deposited until it has remained unclaimed for at least two years. If, at any time after the expiration of the two years, the inmate or the legal heirs appear and make proper proof of identity or heirship, the inmate or heirs are entitled to receive from the state treasurer any money belonging to the inmate and deposited in the inmate social welfare fund pursuant to this subdivision.

Subd. 2. **Unclaimed personal property.** When any inmate of a state correctional facility under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of corrections has died, been released or escaped therefrom leaving in the custody of the chief executive officer thereof personal property, other than money, which remains unclaimed for a period of two years, and the chief executive officer knows no person entitled to it, the chief executive officer or his agent may sell or otherwise dispose of the property in the manner provided by law for the sale or disposition of state property. The proceeds of any sale, after deduction of the costs shall be deposited in the inmate social welfare fund for expenditure as provided in subdivision 1. Any inmate whose property has been sold under this subdivision, or heirs of the inmate, may file with, and make proof of ownership to, the chief executive officer of the institution who caused the sale of the property within two years after the sale, and, upon satisfactory proof to the chief executive officer, the chief executive officer shall certify to the state treasurer the amount received by the sale of such property for payment to the inmate or heirs. No suit shall be brought for damages consequent to the disposal of personal property or use of money in accordance with this section against the state or any official, employee, or agent thereof.

**History:** 1961 c 750 s 16 subd 2; 1979 c 102 s 13; 1981 c 192 s 2

**241.10 DISPOSAL OF FUNDS; CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS.**

Every officer and employee of the several institutions under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of corrections shall pay to the accounting officer thereof any funds in his hands belonging to the institution. Every accounting officer, at the close of each month or oftener, shall forward to the commissioner of corrections a statement of the amount and sources of all moneys received. On receipt of such statement, the commissioner shall transmit the same to the commissioner of finance, who shall deliver to the state treasurer a draft upon the accounting officer for the same, specifying the funds to which it is to be credited. Upon payment of such draft, the amount shall be so credited.

**History:** 1961 c 750 s 17 subd 2; 1973 c 492 s 14

**241.11 PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE.**

The commissioner of corrections shall provide at each institution adequate and ready means of protection against fire, construct proper means of escape for inmates, and establish and enforce rigid regulations by which danger from fire may be minimized.

**History:** 1961 c 750 s 18

**241.12** [Repealed, 1973 c 400 s 2]**241.13 CONTINGENT ACCOUNT; DAMAGE DEPOSITS; CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Contingent account.** The commissioner of corrections may permit a contingent account to remain in the hands of the accounting officer of any such institution from which expenditures may be made in case of actual emergency requiring immediate payment to prevent loss or danger to the institution or its inmates and for the purpose of paying freight, purchasing produce, livestock and other commodities requiring a cash settlement, and for the purpose of discounting bills incurred, but in all cases subject to revision by the commissioner of corrections. An itemized statement of every expenditure made during the month from such account shall be submitted to the commissioner under rules established by him. If necessary, the commissioner shall make proper requisition upon the commissioner of finance for a warrant upon the state treasurer to secure the contingent account for each institution.

Subd. 2. **Damage deposits.** The commissioner of corrections shall collect a damage deposit from all staff who reside in housing on the grounds of the Thistledeew Corrections Camp at Togo, Minnesota and deposit the moneys in a savings account in a bank at interest. Withdrawals therefrom may be made to defray the cost of any damage to the residence caused by the tenant or to return the deposit to the tenant with accrued interest if the residence is vacated without damage. The commissioner shall keep accurate records in the name of each tenant so that the interest may be credited to the proper account.

**History:** 1961 c 750 s 20 subd 2; 1973 c 492 s 14; 1981 c 360 art 1 s 17

**241.14 PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.**

No new employee shall begin employment in any correctional facility under the direction of the department of corrections, whether certified for employment by the department of employee relations, or otherwise selected, unless the person presents to the appointing officer of the correctional facility a certificate from a

duly licensed physician showing that the employee has undergone a physical examination and has been found to be free of tuberculosis.

**History:** 1961 c 750 s 21; 1973 c 507 s 45; 1979 c 102 s 13; 1980 c 617 s 47; 1981 c 192 s 3

**241.15** [Repealed, 1981 c 192 s 21]

#### **241.16 CEMETERY AT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.**

Subdivision 1. The commissioner of corrections may establish, maintain, or continue in existence, a cemetery for the burial of any patient, inmate or person admitted to any state facility under his control upon the public grounds of such facility in the manner set forth in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. The land shall be surveyed and a plat thereof made.

Subd. 3. A stone or other monument shall be established to mark each corner of such cemetery, and its location shown on the plat.

Subd. 4. The cemetery shall be platted into lots, which shall be numbered; it shall have streets and walks, and the same shall be shown on the plat. All containing graves shall be indicated by an appropriate marker of permanent nature for identification purposes.

Subd. 5. The surveyor shall certify as to the correctness of the plat by his endorsement thereon.

Subd. 6. The plat with the surveyor's endorsement thereon shall be filed for record with the county recorder in the county wherein the cemetery is located. A copy of the plat shall be kept in the office of the chief executive officer of the facility, together with a register showing the name of the persons buried in the cemetery and the lot in which they are buried.

**History:** 1961 c 750 s 23; 1976 c 181 s 2; 1979 c 102 s 13

#### **241.17 REBURIAL.**

Subdivision 1. The commissioner of corrections may remove the body of any person now buried in a cemetery situated upon the land belonging to the state for public institution purposes and rebury it in a cemetery created under the provisions of section 241.16 by complying with the provisions set forth in the following subdivisions of this section.

Subd. 2. The commissioner shall petition the district court of the county wherein the present cemetery is situated setting forth the reasons for such removal, the place to which the body is to be removed, and praying for an order of the court authorizing such removal. Upon the presentation of such petition, the court shall make its order setting the time, which shall not be less than 60 days from the date of the order, and the place for hearing the same. The commissioner shall serve the nearest relative or, if the commissioner cannot locate any relative, some friend of the person whose body is to be removed by mailing to him a copy of the petition and court's order 30 days before the date of hearing and file his affidavit of mailing with the clerk of district court. If the commissioner is unable to locate a relative or friend, he shall make his affidavit to that effect and file the same with the clerk of district court.

Subd. 3. Upon the hearing of such petition, if the court determines that it is for the best interests of the public, the relatives and friends that such body be removed and that the same will be conducted in a manner commensurate with the methods commonly employed for the reburial of the dead in the community, the court shall make its order authorizing such removal, setting forth the time within which such removal shall be accomplished and the place to which the body is to be removed. Upon completion of such removal, the director shall cause the name

of the person so removed to be entered in the register, together with the number of the lot in the cemetery and file an affidavit thereof with the clerk of district court.

**History:** 1961 c 750 s 24

#### **241.18 ABANDONMENT OF CEMETERY; COURT ORDER.**

If the court makes its order under the provisions of section 241.17 authorizing the removal of bodies from a cemetery and the same is accomplished in accordance with such order and the commissioner files affidavits of such removal as hereinbefore provided, together with his affidavit that he has caused a thorough search to be made, and there are no more dead bodies remaining in such cemetery to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, the court may make its order authorizing the abandonment of such cemetery and thereby discontinue its use as such.

**History:** 1961 c 750 s 25

#### **241.19 FOOD PRODUCTS, PRODUCTION AND PRESERVATION.**

The commissioner of corrections may contract with corporations or individuals engaged in the commercial canning or freezing of food products, under such terms as he believes are for the best interests of the state, for the seeding, fertilizing, harvesting, and preserving of food products for consumption by institution inmates. The contract may provide for the payment of the processor's services by a fractional share of the food processed. The commissioner shall not be required to advertise for or secure bids.

**History:** 1961 c 750 s 26

#### **241.20 INMATES TO DO CONSERVATION WORK.**

Whenever he deems it conducive to the rehabilitation of inmates of correctional institutions under his control the commissioner of corrections may use selected inmates in the general improvement, maintenance, conservation, reforestation, soil erosion control, soil rehabilitation, and cultivation of any land within the control of the commissioner and, pursuant to agreement with the head of any other state department or agency, of lands under control of such department or agency.

**History:** 1935 c 297 s 1; 1957 c 440 s 1; 1959 c 263 s 2 (10846-11)

#### **241.21 INMATES AVAILABLE TO STATE DEPARTMENTS.**

To carry out the purposes of section 241.20, the commissioner of corrections may make inmates available to the head of any state department or agency for work upon any land which is within the jurisdiction or control of such department or agency, and the commissioner of corrections and the head of any state department or agency having land under its jurisdiction or control may enter into written agreements upon such terms as may be necessary to provide for the use and the orderly supervision of such inmates.

**History:** 1935 c 297 s 2; 1957 c 440 s 2; 1959 c 263 s 2 (10846-12)

#### **241.22 MAY EXPEND MONEYS.**

For the purposes of sections 241.20 to 241.23, the commissioner of corrections may lawfully expend money from the current expense appropriations, revolving funds, and building appropriations of any state correctional facility under the commissioner's control, including the contingent fund appropriated to the commissioner of corrections.

**History:** 1935 c 297 s 3; 1959 c 263 s 2; 1971 c 24 s 21; 1979 c 102 s 13; 1981 c 192 s 4 (10846-13)

**241.23 WARDEN TO MAKE SELECTION.**

When convicts may be required to be used in any work as provided for in sections 241.20 to 241.23, they shall be selected, with the approval of the commissioner of corrections, by the chief executive officer of the Minnesota correctional facility-Stillwater or the Minnesota correctional facility-St. Cloud, in the following manner and order of preference:

(1) Suitable paroled convicts who are being detained awaiting private employment;

(2) Convicts who are not habitual offenders or guilty of heinous crimes and who, in the opinion of the chief executive officers of the facilities, are not incorrigible and who are physically capable and otherwise suitable for the character of the work provided for in sections 241.20 to 241.23.

**History:** 1935 c 297 s 4; 1959 c 263 s 2; 1971 c 24 s 22; 1979 c 102 s 13 (10846-14)

**241.24** [Repealed, 1963 c 753 art 2 s 17]

**241.25 AID TO PERSONS ON LEAVE, PAROLE OR PROBATION.**

Subdivision 1. To provide temporary emergency financial assistance to persons on leave, parole or probation from correctional institutions under the control of the commissioner of corrections a parolee loan account is hereby created in the state treasury.

Subd. 2. The account shall consist of appropriations made for such purposes, loan repayments, and any other gifts or grants from any lawful source made to the commissioner of corrections for the purposes of subdivision 1, and the commissioner is hereby authorized to accept such loan repayments, gifts or grants. All moneys in such account are hereby appropriated annually to the commissioner of corrections for the purposes of subdivision 1.

Subd. 3. The commissioner of corrections is hereby authorized and empowered to make emergency loans to those persons on parole or probation from state correctional institutions under his control who are found to be in need of emergency financial assistance. Such loans may be in such amounts as the commissioner shall determine to be reasonably necessary for subsistence of the parolee or probationer and his family until he has become gainfully employed or made other suitable arrangements for the support of himself and family through other public agencies. The commissioner shall determine the terms and conditions of such loans and the manner of their repayment, including resort to legal action to effect collection of same in the event of refusal or neglect by the recipient to make repayment when able to do so.

Subd. 4. The commissioner of corrections shall report to each successive legislature the status of the account.

Subd. 5. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$3,000 to the parolee loan account hereinabove created.

Subd. 6. The commissioner of corrections may use the money in the imprest fund of his department to make emergency loans as provided in subdivision 3 and to meet other emergencies.

**History:** 1965 c 528 s 1; Ex1967 c 52 s 1,2; 1969 c 399 s 1

**241.251 PRESS ACCESS FOR INMATES.**

Subdivision 1. Any inmate of a state correctional facility shall be permitted to speak in person or by phone at his own expense to any representative of the public news media, as defined in subdivision 4, on a daily basis between the hours

of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. except in emergency situations as defined in subdivision 5; provided that it does not interfere with the inmate's regularly assigned duties. The right to speak in person with a representative of the news media shall not constitute a regular facility visit.

Correctional authorities may limit the exercise of privileges conferred by this section by any individual inmate to one telephone call or interview per week.

Subd. 2. Any inmate or group of inmates of a state correctional facility shall be permitted to correspond by mail with any public news media or representatives thereof, as defined in subdivision 4, on a regular basis.

Subd. 3. Subject to the provisions of section 243.55 and the duty of the chief executive officer to take reasonable precautions to prevent the introduction of contraband into a correctional facility, representatives of the public news media shall, upon their own request, be permitted to interview any consenting inmate or representatives of a consenting group of inmates of the state at the times and under the circumstances described in subdivision 1. Any representative of the public news media who is denied access to a correctional facility must be given the reasons therefor in writing, and he may appeal such denial to the commissioner of corrections.

Subd. 4. A "representative of the public news media" means a person employed by and authorized to represent any television station licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, any radio station licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, national wire service, or any newspaper or periodical having a monthly statewide circulation of at least 1,000 copies.

Subd. 5. An emergency shall be defined as a situation in which, in the best judgment of the correctional authorities, there is an imminent threat to life, security or property.

**History:** 1974 c 560 s 1; 1979 c 102 s 13

#### **241.26 PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT OF INMATES OF STATE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN COMMUNITY.**

Subdivision 1. **Board.** When consistent with the public interest and the public safety, the board may, with the recommendation of the commissioner, conditionally release an inmate who is eligible and being considered for parole under section 243.05, to work at paid employment, seek employment, or participate in a vocational training or educational program. Release under this subdivision constitutes an extension of the limits of confinement and each inmate so released shall be confined in the institution from which released or in some other suitable place of confinement designated by the commissioner of corrections during the hours he is not employed, seeking employment, or engaged in a vocational training or educational program, or, if employed, seeking employment, or engaged in a vocational training or educational program, between the hours of such activity. A reasonable allowance for travel time and meals shall be permitted.

Subd. 2. **Use of local detention facilities.** The commissioner of corrections shall designate state correctional institutions for participation in the program authorized in subdivision 1 and shall adapt facilities of such institutions to provide housing and supervision of inmates participating in such program. He may also enter into contractual agreements with appropriate city and county authorities for the confinement of and provision of other correctional services to such inmates whose employment, educational or vocational training programs so require, and such city and county authorities are hereby authorized to make and enter such contracts and agreements. When determined by the commissioner that the circumstances of a participant in the program authorized by subdivision 1 do not

require the security of a public detention facility, he may contract with public and private agencies for the custody and separate care of such participant or house him in a community correction center.

Subd. 3. **Rules.** The commissioner of corrections shall, upon consultation with the corrections board, establish rules for the placement and supervision of such inmates and for the administration of the programs authorized by this section. When consistent with the public interest the corrections board may grant furloughs not to exceed 10 days duration to those persons subject to their control who participate in such conditional release programs.

Subd. 4. **Revocation.** The willful failure of an inmate to report to or return from planned employment, the seeking of employment, educational or vocational training, or furlough as provided in subdivision 3 shall be considered an escape under section 609.485. If an inmate violates any of the rules as provided for in subdivision 3, his work placement, educational or vocational training privileges may be withdrawn by the board granting such conditional release.

Subd. 5. **Earnings; work release account.** The net earnings of each inmate participating in work release program provided by this section shall be collected by or forwarded to the commissioner of corrections under rules established by him and deposited by the commissioner in the state treasury and credited to the "work release account", which account is hereby established, to the account of such inmate. Such moneys shall be and remain under the control of the commissioner for the sole benefit of such inmate, subject to disbursement by the commissioner for the following purpose and in the following order:

(1) The cost of such inmate's keep as determined by the provision of subdivision 7, which moneys shall be deposited in the general fund of the state treasury if such inmate is housed in a state correctional institution, or shall be paid to the appropriate city or county treasurer if such inmate is housed in a city or county facility;

(2) Necessary travel expense to and from work and other incidental expenses of the inmate;

(3) Support of inmate's dependents, if any;

(4) After the above expenditures, the inmate shall have discretion to direct payment of the balance, if any, upon proper proof of personal legal debts;

(5) The balance, if any, shall be disbursed to the inmate as provided in section 243.24, subdivision 1.

All moneys in the "work release account" established by this subdivision are appropriated annually to the commissioner of corrections for the purposes of the work release program.

Subd. 6. **Exemption from process.** Wages or salaries of work placement inmates shall not be subject to garnishment, attachment, or execution in the hands of either the employer or a state agent authorized to hold such funds.

Subd. 7. **Payment of board and room.** The commissioner shall determine the amount to be paid for board and room by such work placement inmate. When special circumstances warrant or for just and reasonable cause, the commissioner may waive the payment by the inmate of board and room charges and report such waivers to the commissioner of finance.

Where a work placement inmate is housed in a jail or workhouse, such board and room revenue shall be paid over to such city or county official as provided for in subdivision 2, provided however, that when payment of board and room has been waived, the commissioner shall make such payments from funds appropriated for that purpose.

**History:** 1967 c 418 s 1; 1969 c 399 s 1; 1971 c 108 s 1; 1973 c 492 s 7,14; 1973 c 654 s 15; 1975 c 271 s 6; 1978 c 723 art 1 s 12; 1979 c 129 s 1; 1980 c 417 s 6-8



**241.27 VOCATIONAL TRAINING OF INMATES; MINNESOTA CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES; REVOLVING ACCOUNTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment of Minnesota correctional industries.** For the purpose of providing adequate, regular and suitable employment, vocational training, and to aid the inmates of state correctional facilities, the commissioner of corrections may establish, equip, maintain and operate at any correctional facility under his control such industrial and commercial activities as may be deemed necessary and suitable to the profitable employment, vocational training and development of proper work habits of the inmates of state correctional facilities. The industrial and commercial activities authorized by this section shall be for the primary purpose of providing vocational training, meaningful employment and the teaching of proper work habits to the inmates of correctional facilities under the control of the commissioner of corrections, and not as competitive business ventures. Prior to the establishment of any industrial and commercial activity, the commissioner of corrections may consult with representatives of business, industry, organized labor, the state department of education, the state apprenticeship council, the state department of labor and industry, the department of employment security, the department of administration, and such other persons and bodies as he may feel are qualified to determine the quantity and nature of the goods, wares, merchandise and services to be made or provided, and the types of processes to be used in their manufacture, processing, repair, and production consistent with the greatest opportunity for the reform and vocational training of the inmates, and with the best interests of the state, business, industry and labor.

The commissioner of corrections shall, at all times in the conduct of any industrial or commercial activity authorized by this section, utilize inmate labor to the greatest extent feasible, provided, however, that the commissioner may employ all administrative, supervisory and other skilled craftsmen necessary to the proper instruction of the inmates and the profitable and efficient operation of the industrial and commercial activities authorized by this section.

Additionally, the commissioner of corrections may authorize the director of any correctional facility under his control to accept work projects from outside sources for processing, fabrication or repair, provided that preference shall be given to the performance of such work projects for state departments and agencies.

Subd. 2. **Revolving fund; use of fund.** There is established in the department of corrections under the control of the commissioner of corrections the Minnesota correctional industries revolving fund to which shall be transferred the revolving funds authorized in Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 243.41, 243.85, clause (f), and any other industrial revolving funds heretofore established at any state correctional facility under the control of the commissioner of corrections. The revolving fund established shall be used for the conduct of the industrial and commercial activities now or hereafter established at any state correctional facility, including but not limited to the purchase of equipment, raw materials, the payment of salaries, wages and other expenses necessary and incident thereto. Additionally, the expenses of inmate vocational training and the inmate release fund may be financed from the correctional industries revolving fund in an amount to be determined by the commissioner. The proceeds and income from all industrial and commercial activities conducted at state correctional facilities shall be deposited in the correctional industries revolving fund subject to disbursement as hereinabove provided. The commissioner of corrections may request that money in the fund be invested pursuant to section 11.10; the proceeds from the investment not currently needed shall be accounted for separately and credited to the fund.

Subd. 3. **Disbursement from fund.** The correctional industries revolving fund shall be deposited in the state treasury and paid out only on proper vouchers

as may be authorized and approved by the commissioner of corrections, and in the same manner and under the same restrictions as are now provided by law for the disbursement of funds by the commissioner. The commissioner of corrections is authorized to keep and maintain at any correctional facility under his control a contingent fund, as provided in section 241.13; but the contingent fund shall at all times be covered and protected by a proper and sufficient bond to be duly approved as by law now provided.

**Subd. 4. Revolving fund; borrowing.** The commissioner of corrections is authorized, when in his judgment it becomes necessary in order to meet current demands on the correctional industries revolving fund, to borrow sums of money as may be necessary. The sums so borrowed shall not exceed, in any one year, 50 percent of the total of the net worth of correctional industries.

When the commissioner of corrections shall certify to the commissioner of finance and the state treasurer that, in his judgment, it is necessary to borrow a specified sum of money in order to meet the current demands on the correctional industries revolving fund, the state treasurer and the commissioner of finance may, in their discretion, transfer and credit to the correctional industries revolving fund, from any moneys in the state treasury not required for immediate disbursement, the whole or such part of the amount so certified as they deem advisable, which sum so transferred shall be repaid by the commissioner from the revolving fund to the fund from which transferred, at such time as shall be specified by the state treasurer and the commissioner of finance, together with interest thereon at such rate as shall be specified by the commissioner of finance and the state treasurer, not exceeding four percent per annum. When any transfer shall so have been made to the correctional industries revolving fund, the state treasurer and the commissioner of finance shall notify the commissioner of corrections of the amount so transferred to the credit of the correctional industries revolving fund, the date when the same is to be repaid, and the rate of interest so to be paid.

**Subd. 5. Federal grant fund transfers.** Grants received from the federal government for any vocational training program or for administration under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of corrections shall, in the first instance, be credited to a federal grant fund and shall be transferred therefrom to the credit of the commissioner of corrections in the appropriate account upon certification of the commissioner of corrections that the amounts so requested to be transferred have been earned or are required for the purposes and program intended. Moneys received by the federal grant fund need not be budgeted as such provided transfers from the fund are budgeted for allotment purposes in the appropriate appropriation.

**History:** 1967 c 883 s 1; Ex1967 c 1 s 6; 1975 c 271 s 6; 1976 c 163 s 39; 1979 c 129 s 2; 1980 c 417 s 2; 1Sp1981 c 4 art 1 s 101

#### **241.271 REIMBURSEMENT OF COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES; BUDGET REQUEST.**

The department of corrections shall include in its budget requests such amounts as may be claimed by any county or municipality necessary to reimburse said county or municipality for expenses of a county attorney or sheriff or municipal police department resulting from activities involving inmates of state correctional institutions located in its county or municipality.

**History:** 1974 c 557 s 11

#### **INTERSTATE CORRECTIONS COMPACT**

#### **241.28 CITATION.**

Sections 241.28 to 241.30 may be cited as the Interstate Corrections Compact.

**History:** 1969 c 595 s 1

**241.29 COMPACT.**

The Interstate Corrections Compact is hereby enacted into law and entered into by this state with any other states legally joining therein in the form substantially as follows:

**INTERSTATE CORRECTIONS COMPACT****ARTICLE I****Purpose and Policy**

The party states, desiring by common action to fully utilize and improve their institutional facilities and provide adequate programs for the confinement, treatment and rehabilitation of various types of offenders, declare that it is the policy of each of the party states to provide such facilities and programs on a basis of cooperation with one another, thereby serving the best interests of such offenders and of society and effecting economies in capital expenditures and operational costs. The purpose of this compact is to provide for the mutual development and execution of such programs of cooperation for the confinement, treatment and rehabilitation of offenders with the most economical use of human and material resources.

**ARTICLE II****Definitions**

As used in this compact, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "State" means a state of the United States; the United States of America; a territory or possession of the United States; the District of Columbia; the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(b) "Sending state" means a state party to this compact in which conviction or court commitment was had.

(c) "Receiving state" means a state party to this compact to which an inmate is sent for confinement other than a state in which conviction or court commitment was had.

(d) "Inmate" means a male or female offender who is committed, under sentence to or confined in a penal or correctional institution.

(e) "Institution" means any penal or correctional facility, including but not limited to a facility for the mentally ill or mentally defective, in which inmates as defined in (d) above may lawfully be confined.

**ARTICLE III****Contracts**

(a) Each party state may make one or more contracts with any one or more of the other party states for the confinement of inmates on behalf of a sending state in institutions situated within receiving states. Any such contract shall provide for:

1. Its duration.

2. Payments to be made to the receiving state by the sending state for inmate maintenance, extraordinary medical and dental expenses, and any participation in or receipt by inmates of rehabilitative or correctional services, facilities, programs, or treatment not reasonably included as part of normal maintenance.

3. Participation in programs of inmate employment, if any; the disposition or crediting of any payments received by inmates on account thereof; and the crediting of proceeds from or disposal of any products resulting therefrom.

4. Delivery and retaking of inmates.

5. Such other matters as may be necessary and appropriate to fix the obligations, responsibilities and rights of the sending and receiving states.

(b) The terms and provisions of this compact shall be a part of any contract entered into by the authority of or pursuant thereto, and nothing in any such contract shall be inconsistent therewith.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Procedures and Rights

(a) Whenever the duly constituted authorities in a state party to this compact, and which has entered into a contract pursuant to article III, shall decide that confinement in, or transfer of an inmate to, an institution within the territory of another party state is necessary or desirable in order to provide adequate quarters and care or an appropriate program of rehabilitation or treatment, said officials may direct that the confinement be within an institution within the territory of said other party state, the receiving state to act in that regard solely as agent for the sending state.

(b) The appropriate officials of any state party to this compact shall have access, at all reasonable times, to any institution in which it has a contractual right to confine inmates for the purpose of inspecting the facilities thereof and visiting such of its inmates as may be confined in the institution.

(c) Inmates confined in an institution pursuant to the terms of this compact shall at all times be subject to the jurisdiction of the sending state and may at any time be removed therefrom for transfer to a prison or other institution within the sending state, for transfer to another institution in which the sending state may have a contractual or other right to confine inmates, for release on probation or parole, for discharge, or for any other purpose permitted by the laws of the sending state; provided that the sending state shall continue to be obligated to such payments as may be required pursuant to the terms of any contract entered into under the terms of article III.

(d) Each receiving state shall provide regular reports to each sending state on the inmates of that sending state in institutions pursuant to this compact including a conduct record of each inmate and certify said record to the official designated by the sending state, in order that each inmate may have official review of his or her record in determining and altering the disposition of said inmate in accordance with the law which may obtain in the sending state and in order that the same may be a source of information for the sending state.

(e) All inmates who may be confined in an institution pursuant to the provisions of this compact shall be treated in a reasonable and humane manner and shall be treated equally with such similar inmates of the receiving state as may be confined in the same institution. The fact of confinement in a receiving state shall not deprive any inmate so confined of any legal rights which said inmate would have had if confined in an appropriate institution of the sending state.

(f) Any hearing or hearings to which an inmate confined pursuant to this compact may be entitled by the laws of the sending state may be had before the appropriate authorities of the sending state, or of the receiving state if authorized by the sending state. The receiving state shall provide adequate facilities for such hearings as may be conducted by the appropriate officials of a sending state. In the event such hearing or hearings are had before officials of the receiving state, the governing law shall be that of the sending state and a record of the hearing or hearings as prescribed by the sending state shall be made. Said record together with any recommendations of the hearing officials shall be transmitted forthwith to the official or officials before whom the hearing would have been had if it had

taken place in the sending state. In any and all proceedings had pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision, the officials of the receiving state shall act solely as agents of the sending state and no final determination shall be made in any matter except by the appropriate officials of the sending state.

(g) Any inmate confined pursuant to this compact shall be released within the territory of the sending state unless the inmate, and the sending and receiving states, shall agree upon release in some other place. The sending state shall bear the cost of such return to its territory.

(h) Any inmate confined pursuant to the terms of this compact shall have any and all rights to participate in and derive any benefits or incur or be relieved of any obligations or have such obligations modified or his status changed on account of any action or proceeding in which he could have participated if confined in any appropriate institution of the sending state located within such state.

(i) The parent, guardian, trustee, or other person or persons entitled under the laws of the sending state to act for, advise, or otherwise function with respect to any inmate shall not be deprived of or restricted in his exercise of any power in respect of any inmate confined pursuant to the terms of this compact.

#### ARTICLE V

##### Acts Not Reviewable in Receiving State: Extradition

(a) Any decision of the sending state in respect of any matter over which it retains jurisdiction pursuant to this compact shall be conclusive upon and not reviewable within the receiving state, but if at the time the sending state seeks to remove an inmate from an institution in the receiving state there is pending against the inmate within such state any criminal charge or if the inmate is formally accused of having committed within such state a criminal offense, the inmate shall not be returned without the consent of the receiving state until discharged from prosecution or other form of proceeding, imprisonment or detention for such offense. The duly accredited officers of the sending state shall be permitted to transport inmates pursuant to this compact through any and all states party to this compact without interference.

(b) An inmate who escapes from an institution in which he is confined pursuant to this compact shall be deemed a fugitive from the sending state and from the state in which the institution is situated. In the case of an escape to a jurisdiction other than the sending or receiving state, the responsibility for institution of extradition or rendition proceedings shall be that of the sending state, but nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent or affect the activities of officers and agencies of any jurisdiction directed toward the apprehension and return of an escapee.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### Federal Aid

Any state party to this compact may accept federal aid for use in connection with any institution or program, the use of which is or may be affected by this compact or any contract pursuant hereto and any inmate in a receiving state pursuant to this compact may participate in any such federally aided program or activity for which the sending and receiving states have made contractual provision, provided that if such program or activity is not part of the customary correctional regimen the express consent of the appropriate official of the sending state shall be required therefor.

## ARTICLE VII

## Entry into Force

This compact shall enter into force and become effective and binding upon the state so acting when it has been enacted into law by any two states. Thereafter, this compact shall enter into force and become effective and binding as to any other of said states upon similar action by such state.

## ARTICLE VIII

## Withdrawal and Termination

This compact shall continue in force and remain binding upon a party state until it shall have enacted a statute repealing the same and providing for the sending of formal written notice of withdrawal from the compact to the appropriate officials of all other party states. An actual withdrawal shall not take effect until one year after the notices provided in said statute have been sent. Such withdrawal shall not relieve the withdrawing state from its obligations assumed hereunder prior to the effective date of withdrawal. Before the effective date of withdrawal, a withdrawing state shall remove to its territory, at its own expense, such inmates as it may have confined pursuant to the provisions of this compact.

## ARTICLE IX

## Other Arrangements Unaffected

Nothing contained in this compact shall be construed to abrogate or impair any agreement or other arrangement which a party state may have with a non-party state for the confinement, rehabilitation or treatment of inmates nor to repeal any other laws of a party state authorizing the making of cooperative institutional arrangements.

## ARTICLE X

## Construction and Severability

The provisions of this compact shall be liberally construed and shall be severable. If any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any participating state or of the United States or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any state participating therein, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining states and in full force and effect as to the state affected as to all severable matters.

**History:** 1969 c 595 s 2

**241.30 POWERS WITH RELATION TO COMPACT.**

The commissioner of corrections or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary or incidental to the carrying out of the compact in every particular.

**History:** 1969 c 595 s 3

**NOTE:** Laws 1969, Chapter 595, Section 4, reads as follows:

"This act shall take effect upon enactment into law, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed."

## COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CENTERS

**241.31 ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION BY MUNICIPALITY.**

Subdivision 1. Notwithstanding any provisions of Minnesota Statutes to the contrary, any city, county or town, or any non-profit corporation approved by the commissioner of corrections, or any combination thereof may establish and operate a community corrections program for the purpose of providing housing, supervision, treatment, counseling or other correctional services;

(a) to persons convicted of crime in the courts of this state and placed on probation by such courts pursuant to section 609.135;

(b) to persons not yet convicted of a crime but under criminal accusation who voluntarily accept such treatment;

(c) to persons adjudicated a delinquent under chapter 260;

(d) with the approval of the corrections board, to persons paroled under chapter 242; and

(e) with the approval of the corrections board, to persons paroled under section 243.05 or released under section 241.26.

Subd. 2. Community corrections programs established under this section may be administered by a non-profit corporation, by the political subdivision establishing same, or by a community corrections board organized and composed in the same manner that a community mental health board is composed and organized under sections 245.66 to 245.67.

Subd. 3. The premises and facilities for any community correctional program may be acquired by purchase, lease, or gift, and may be established and operated in connection with existing public or private institutions or agencies.

Subd. 4. Any political subdivision, as described in subdivision 1, may use unexpended funds, levy additional taxes, accept gifts, grants and subsidies from any lawful source, or make application for federal funds in order to provide the necessary funds for the establishment and operation of a community corrections program.

Subd. 5. The commissioner of corrections shall establish minimum standards for the size, area to be served, qualifications of staff, ratio of staff to client population, and treatment programs for community corrections programs established pursuant to this section. Plans and specifications for such programs, including proposed budgets must first be submitted to the commissioner for his approval prior to the establishment.

Subd. 6. With the approval of the commissioner of public welfare any city, county, town, or any nonprofit corporation approved by the commissioner of corrections, or any combination thereof, may obtain by lease the use of any building or unit thereof located upon the grounds of a state hospital, and may contract with such state hospital and with community mental health centers for consultative and clinical services.

Subd. 7. For the purpose of demonstrating the effectiveness of the community corrections programs authorized by this section and to promote the development of such programs the commissioner of corrections may, out of funds appropriated for such purposes, make grants not to exceed 65 percent of the costs of operating such programs, provided however, that the commissioner may make grants of 100 percent of the operating costs of such programs operated by the Indian reservation business committees exercising governmental functions pursuant to congressional charters. Community corrections programs established under the provisions of Laws 1971, Chapter 782 must comply with the provisions of subdivision 5 to be eligible to apply for and receive the assistance provided by this subdivision.

The commissioner shall review at least annually each program established under Laws 1971, Chapter 782 and review its projected annual operating costs to insure continued compliance with minimum standards, and may withhold funds for noncompliance.

**History:** 1969 c 761 s 1; 1971 c 782 s 1,2; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1973 c 622 s 1; 1973 c 654 s 15; 1975 c 271 s 6

#### 241.32 ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION BY STATE.

Subdivision 1. The commissioner of corrections may establish and operate community correctional programs or contract with existing public and private agencies for separate custody or specialized care and treatment of persons under his custody and control or under the custody and control of the corrections board or on conditional release under section 241.26.

Subd. 2. Any person admitted to a community correctional program by action of the corrections board shall be and remain under the control of the corrections board and may be conditionally released therefrom in the manner and for such periods of time as may be ordered by the board.

Subd. 3. To establish and operate community correctional programs or to provide such services through agreement with public and private agencies the commissioner is authorized to accept gifts, grants, and subsidies from any lawful source and to negotiate with the federal government, or any agency, bureau, or department thereof to obtain funds for the purposes of this subdivision, which gifts, grants, subsidies, and funds are hereby appropriated to the commissioner.

**History:** 1971 c 685 s 1-3; 1973 c 622 s 2; 1973 c 654 s 15; 1975 c 271 s 6

### OMBUDSMAN

#### 241.41 OFFICE OF OMBUDSMAN; CREATION; QUALIFICATIONS; FUNCTION.

The office of ombudsman for the Minnesota state department of corrections is hereby created. The ombudsman shall serve at the pleasure of the governor in the unclassified service, shall be selected without regard to political affiliation, and shall be a person highly competent and qualified to analyze questions of law, administration, and public policy. No person may serve as ombudsman while holding any other public office. The ombudsman for the department of corrections shall be accountable to the governor and shall have the authority to investigate decisions, acts, and other matters of the department of corrections so as to promote the highest attainable standards of competence, efficiency, and justice in the administration of corrections.

**History:** 1973 c 553 s 1

#### 241.42 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. For the purposes of sections 241.41 to 241.45, the following terms shall have the meanings here given them.

Subd. 2. "Administrative agency" or "agency" means any division, official, or employee of the Minnesota department of corrections, the corrections board, the board of pardons and regional correction or detention facilities or agencies for correction or detention programs including those programs or facilities operating under chapter 401, but does not include:

- (a) any court or judge;
- (b) any member of the senate or house of representatives of the state of Minnesota;
- (c) the governor or his personal staff;



- (d) any instrumentality of the federal government of the United States;
- (e) any political subdivision of the state of Minnesota;
- (f) any interstate compact.

Subd. 3. "Commission" means the ombudsman commission.

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 1976 c 318 s 18]

**History:** 1973 c 553 s 2; 1973 c 654 s 15; 1975 c 271 s 6; 1976 c 318 s 1

#### **241.43 ORGANIZATION OF OFFICE OF OMBUDSMAN.**

Subdivision 1. The ombudsman may select, appoint, and compensate out of available funds such assistants and employees as he may deem necessary to discharge his responsibilities. All employees, except the secretarial and clerical staff, shall serve at the pleasure of the ombudsman in the unclassified service. The ombudsman and his full-time staff shall be members of the Minnesota state retirement association.

Subd. 2. The ombudsman shall designate one of his assistants to be the deputy ombudsman.

Subd. 3. The ombudsman may delegate to members of his staff any of his authority or duties except the duty of formally making recommendations to an administrative agency or reports to the office of the governor, or to the legislature.

**History:** 1973 c 553 s 3

#### **241.44 POWERS OF OMBUDSMAN; INVESTIGATIONS; ACTION ON COMPLAINTS; RECOMMENDATIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Powers.** The ombudsman shall have the following powers:

(a) He may prescribe the methods by which complaints are to be made, reviewed, and acted upon; provided, however, that he may not levy a complaint fee;

(b) He may determine the scope and manner of investigations to be made;

(c) Except as otherwise provided, he may determine the form, frequency, and distribution of his conclusions, recommendations, and proposals; provided, however, that the governor or his representative may, at any time the governor deems it necessary, request and receive information from the ombudsman. Neither the ombudsman nor any member of his staff shall be compelled to testify in any court with respect to any matter involving the exercise of his official duties except as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of sections 241.41 to 241.45;

(d) He may investigate, upon a complaint or upon his own initiative, any action of an administrative agency;

(e) He may request and shall be given access to information in the possession of an administrative agency which he deems necessary for the discharge of his responsibilities;

(f) He may examine the records and documents of an administrative agency;

(g) He may enter and inspect, at any time, premises within the control of an administrative agency;

(h) He may subpoena any person to appear, give testimony, or produce documentary or other evidence which the ombudsman deems relevant to a matter under his inquiry, and may petition the appropriate state court to seek enforcement with the subpoena; provided, however, that any witness at a hearing or before an investigation as herein provided, shall possess the same privileges reserved to such a witness in the courts or under the laws of this state;

(i) The ombudsman may bring an action in an appropriate state court to provide the operation of the powers provided in this subdivision. The ombudsman may use the services of legal assistance to Minnesota prisoners for legal counsel. The provisions of sections 241.41 to 241.45 are in addition to other provisions of law under which any remedy or right of appeal or objection is provided for any person, or any procedure provided for inquiry or investigation concerning any matter. Nothing in sections 241.41 to 241.45 shall be construed to limit or affect any other remedy or right of appeal or objection nor shall it be deemed part of an exclusionary process; and

(j) He may be present at corrections board parole and parole revocation hearings and deliberations.

**Subd. 1a. Actions against ombudsman.** No proceeding or civil action except removal from office or a proceeding brought pursuant to chapter 13 shall be commenced against the ombudsman for actions taken pursuant to the provisions of sections 241.41 to 241.45, unless the act or omission is actuated by malice or is grossly negligent.

**Subd. 2. Matters appropriate for investigation.** (a) In selecting matters for his attention, the ombudsman should address himself particularly to actions of an administrative agency which might be:

- (1) contrary to law or regulation;
- (2) unreasonable, unfair, oppressive, or inconsistent with any policy or judgment of an administrative agency;
- (3) mistaken in law or arbitrary in the ascertainment of facts;
- (4) unclear or inadequately explained when reasons should have been revealed;
- (5) inefficiently performed;

(b) The ombudsman may also concern himself with strengthening procedures and practices which lessen the risk that objectionable actions of the administrative agency will occur.

**Subd. 3. Complaints.** The ombudsman may receive a complaint from any source concerning an action of an administrative agency. He may, on his own motion or at the request of another, investigate any action of an administrative agency.

The ombudsman may exercise his powers without regard to the finality of any action of an administrative agency; however, he may require a complainant to pursue other remedies or channels of complaint open to the complainant before accepting or investigating the complaint.

After completing his investigation of a complaint, the ombudsman shall inform the complainant, the administrative agency, and the official or employee, of the action taken.

A letter to the ombudsman from a person in an institution under the control of an administrative agency shall be forwarded immediately and unopened to the ombudsman's office. A reply from the ombudsman to the person shall be delivered unopened to the person, promptly after its receipt by the institution.

No complainant shall be punished nor shall the general condition of his confinement or treatment be unfavorably altered as a result of his having made a complaint to the ombudsman.

**Subd. 4. Recommendations.** (a) If, after duly considering a complaint and whatever material he deems pertinent, the ombudsman is of the opinion that the complaint is valid, he may recommend that an administrative agency should:

- (1) consider the matter further;
- (2) modify or cancel its actions;

- (3) alter a regulation or ruling;
- (4) explain more fully the action in question; or
- (5) take any other step which the ombudsman states as his recommendation to the administrative agency involved.

If the ombudsman so requests, the agency shall within the time he specifies, inform the ombudsman about the action taken on his recommendation or the reasons for not complying with it.

(b) If the ombudsman has reason to believe that any public official or employee has acted in a manner warranting criminal or disciplinary proceedings, he may refer the matter to the appropriate authorities.

(c) If the ombudsman believes that an action upon which a valid complaint is founded has been dictated by a statute, and that the statute produces results or effects which are unfair or otherwise objectionable, the ombudsman shall bring to the attention of the governor and the legislature his view concerning desirable statutory change.

**History:** 1973 c 553 s 4; 1975 c 271 s 6; 1976 c 318 s 2-4; 1980 c 509 s 48; 1981 c 311 s 39; 1982 c 545 s 24

#### **241.45 PUBLICATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS; REPORTS.**

Subdivision 1. The ombudsman may publish his conclusions and suggestions by transmitting them to the office of the governor. Before announcing a conclusion or recommendation that expressly or impliedly criticizes an administrative agency, or any person, the ombudsman shall consult with that agency or person. When publishing an opinion adverse to an administrative agency, or any person, the ombudsman shall include in such publication any statement of reasonable length made to him by that agency or person in defense or mitigation of the action.

Subd. 2. In addition to whatever reports the ombudsman may make on an ad hoc basis, the ombudsman shall at the end of each year report to the governor concerning the exercise of his functions during the preceding year.

**History:** 1973 c 553 s 5

### **PROGRAM TO AID VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ATTACKS**

#### **241.51 DEVELOPMENT OF STATEWIDE PROGRAM; DEFINITION; SERVICES.**

Subdivision 1. The commissioner of corrections shall develop a community based, statewide program to aid victims of reported sexual attacks.

Subd. 2. As used in sections 241.51 to 241.53, a "sexual attack" means any non-consensual act of rape, sodomy, or indecent liberties.

Subd. 3. The program developed by the commissioner of corrections may include, but not be limited to, provision of the following services:

(a) Voluntary counseling by trained personnel to begin as soon as possible after a sexual attack is reported. The counselor shall be of the same sex as the victim and shall, if requested, accompany the victim to the hospital and to other proceedings concerning the alleged attack, including police questioning, police investigation, and court proceedings. The counselor shall also inform the victim of hospital procedures, police and court procedures, the possibility of contracting venereal disease, the possibility of pregnancy, expected emotional reactions and any other relevant information; and shall make appropriate referrals for any assistance desired by the victim.

(b) Payment of all costs of any medical examinations and medical treatment which the victim may require as a result of the sexual attack if the victim is not otherwise reimbursed for these expenses or is ineligible to receive compensation under any other law of this state or of the United States.

**History:** 1974 c 578 s 1

**241.52 POWERS OF COMMISSIONER.**

In addition to developing the statewide program, the commissioner of corrections may:

(a) Assist and encourage county attorneys to assign prosecuting attorneys trained in sensitivity and understanding of victims of sexual attacks;

(b) Assist the peace officers training board and municipal police forces to develop programs to provide peace officers training in sensitivity and understanding of victims of sexual attacks; and encourage the assignment of trained peace officers of the same sex as the victim to conduct all necessary questioning of the victim;

(c) Encourage hospital administrators to place a high priority on the expeditious treatment of victims of sexual attacks; and to retain personnel trained in sensitivity and understanding of victims of sexual attacks.

**History:** 1974 c 578 s 2

**241.53 FUNDING; PILOT PROGRAMS.**

The commissioner of corrections shall seek funding from the governor's commission on crime prevention and control at the earliest possible date for purposes of sections 241.51 to 241.53. In addition, the commissioner of corrections shall seek and utilize all other available funding resources to establish pilot community programs to aid victims of sexual attacks before December 1, 1974.

**History:** 1974 c 578 s 3

**CRIME VICTIM CRISIS CENTER**

**241.55 CRIME VICTIM CRISIS CENTER.**

Subdivision 1. For the purposes of sections 241.55 to 241.58, "center" means a crime victim crisis center providing services to victims of crime.

Subd. 2. The commissioner of corrections, not later than January 1, 1978, shall establish at least two operational centers. The commissioner of corrections may contract with a public or private agency for the purposes of planning, implementing and evaluating the centers established herein.

**History:** 1977 c 314 s 1

**241.56 PLANNING.**

The commissioner of corrections, while developing the center plan as provided in section 241.55, shall evaluate and determine factors relating to the procedural and substantive needs of the centers.

**History:** 1977 c 314 s 2

**241.57 FUNCTIONS.**

The centers shall:

(a) Provide direct crisis intervention to crime victims;

(b) Provide transportation for crime victims to assist them in obtaining necessary emergency services;

- (c) Investigate the availability of insurance or other financial resources available to the crime victims;
- (d) Refer crime victims to public or private agencies providing existing needed services;
- (e) Encourage the development of services which are not already being provided by existing agencies;
- (f) Coordinate the services which are already being provided by various agencies;
- (g) Facilitate the general education of crime victims about the criminal justice process;
- (h) Educate the public as to program availability;
- (i) Encourage educational programs which will serve to reduce victimization and which will diminish the extent of trauma where victimization occurs;
- (j) Other appropriate services.

**History:** 1977 c 314 s 3

#### **241.58 EVALUATION.**

Within three years of May 28, 1977, the commissioner of corrections shall evaluate the operation of the centers. This evaluation shall determine the centers impact in assisting crime victims, its impact on the criminal justice system, the nature of community attitudes generated by the centers, the necessity for maintaining the two existing centers, the desirability of establishing additional centers and propose alternative means to accomplish the purposes of sections 241.55 to 241.58 in all areas of the state.

**History:** 1977 c 314 s 4

### **BATTERED WOMEN**

#### **241.61 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. For the purposes of sections 241.61 to 241.66, the following terms have the meanings given.

Subd. 2. "Battered woman" means a woman who is being or has been assaulted by her spouse, other male relative, or by a male with whom she is residing or has resided in the past.

Subd. 3. "Emergency shelter services" include, but are not limited to, secure crisis shelters for battered women and housing networks for battered women.

Subd. 4. "Support services" include, but are not limited to, advocacy services, legal services, counseling services, transportation services, child care services, and 24 hour information and referral services.

Subd. 5. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the department of corrections or his designee.

**History:** 1977 c 428 s 1

#### **241.62 PILOT PROGRAMS.**

Subdivision 1. **Programs designated.** The commissioner shall designate four or more pilot programs to provide emergency shelter services and support services to battered women and shall award grants to the pilot programs. At least two pilot programs shall be designated in the metropolitan area, composed of Hennepin, Ramsey, Anoka, Dakota, Scott, Washington and Carver counties. At least one pilot program shall be designated in a city located outside of the metropolitan area, and at least one pilot program shall be designated in a location accessible to a predominately rural population.

Subd. 2. **Applications.** Any public or private nonprofit agency may apply to the commissioner for designation as a pilot program to provide emergency shelter services and support services to battered women. The application shall be submitted in a form approved by the commissioner by rule, and shall include:

- (a) a proposal for the provision of emergency shelter services and support services for battered women;
- (b) a proposed budget;
- (c) evidence of the integration of the uniform method of data collection and program evaluation established by the director pursuant to section 241.63 into the proposed program;
- (d) evidence of the participation of the local law enforcement agencies and courts, county welfare agencies, local boards or departments of health, and other interested agencies or groups in the development of the application; and
- (e) any other content the commissioner may, by rule, require.

Subd. 3. **Duties of grantees.** Every public or private nonprofit agency which receives a grant to provide emergency shelter services and support services to battered women shall comply with all rules of the commissioner related to the administration of the pilot programs.

Subd. 4. **Educational programs.** In addition to designating four pilot programs to provide emergency shelter services and support services, the commissioner shall award grants for the development and implementation of education programs designed to promote public and professional awareness of the problems of battered women. Any public or private nonprofit agency may apply to the commissioner for an education grant. The application shall be submitted in a form approved by the commissioner by rule. In addition, education grant moneys may be used by the commissioner to produce educational and promotional materials to encourage the development and utilization of emergency shelter services. Every public or private nonprofit agency which receives an education grant shall comply with all rules of the commissioner related to the administration of education programs.

Subd. 5. **Classification of data collected by grantees.** Personal history information and other information collected, used or maintained by a grantee from which the identity of any battered woman may be determined is private data on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12, and the grantee shall maintain the data in accordance with the provisions of chapter 13.

**History:** 1977 c 428 s 2; 1978 c 732 s 1-3; 1981 c 311 s 39; 1Sp1981 c 4 art 1 s 14; 1982 c 545 s 24

## 241.63 DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER.

The commissioner shall:

(a) Review applications for designation as a pilot program, and designate four or more pilot programs pursuant to section 241.62, subdivision 1;

(b) Review applications from and award grants to public or private nonprofit agencies which submit proposals to develop and implement education programs pursuant to section 241.62, subdivision 4;

(c) Appoint the members of the advisory task force created under section 241.64, and provide staff and other administrative services to the advisory task force;

(d) Appoint a project coordinator to perform the duties set forth in section 241.65;

(e) Design and implement a uniform method of collecting and evaluating data on battered women and of evaluating the programs funded under section 241.62;

(f) Provide technical aid to applicants in the design and implementation of the programs funded under section 241.62;

(g) Promulgate all rules necessary to implement the provisions of sections 241.61 to 241.66 and 256D.05, subdivision 3, including emergency rules; and

(h) Report to the legislature on January 1, 1978, January 1, 1979, and November 15, 1979, on the programs funded under section 241.62 and report to the legislature by January 1, 1979 on the feasibility of creating similar programs for men.

**History:** 1977 c 428 s 3; 1978 c 732 s 4

#### **241.64 ADVISORY TASK FORCE.**

Subdivision 1. **Creation.** Within 60 days after the effective date of sections 241.61 to 241.66, the commissioner shall appoint a nine member advisory task force to advise him on the implementation of sections 241.61 to 241.66. The provisions of section 15.059, subdivision 6, shall govern the terms, compensation, and removal of members of the advisory task force.

Subd. 2. **Membership.** Persons appointed shall be knowledgeable in the fields of health, law enforcement, social services or the law. Five members of the advisory task force shall be representatives of community or governmental organizations which provide services to battered women, and four members of the advisory task force shall be public members.

Subd. 3. **Duties.** The advisory task force shall:

(a) recommend to the commissioner the names of five applicants for the position of project coordinator.

(b) advise the commissioner on the rules promulgated pursuant to section 241.63;

(c) review and comment on applications received by the commissioner for designation as a pilot program and applications for education grants; and

(d) advise the project coordinator in the performance of his duties in the administration and coordination of the programs funded under section 241.62.

**History:** 1977 c 428 s 4

#### **241.65 PROJECT COORDINATOR.**

The commissioner shall appoint a project coordinator. In appointing the project coordinator the commissioner shall give due consideration to the list of applicants submitted to him by the advisory task force pursuant to section 241.64, subdivision 3, clause (a). The project coordinator shall administer the funds appropriated for sections 241.61 to 241.66 and 256D.05, subdivision 3, coordinate the programs funded under section 241.62, and perform other duties as the commissioner may assign to him. The project coordinator shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner in the unclassified service.

**History:** 1977 c 428 s 5

#### **241.66 DATA COLLECTION.**

Subdivision 1. **Form prescribed.** The commissioner shall, by rule, prescribe a uniform form and method for the collection of data on battered women. The method and form of data collection shall be designed to document the incidence of assault on women by their spouses, male relatives or other males with whom they are residing or have resided in the past. All data collected by the commissioner pursuant to this section shall be summary data within the meaning of section 13.02, subdivision 19.

Subd. 2. **Mandatory data collection.** Every hospital licensed pursuant to sections 144.50 to 144.58, every physician licensed to practice in this state, every public health nurse, every social services agency, every community health agency, and every local law enforcement agency shall collect data related to battered women in the form required by rule of the commissioner. The data shall be collected and transmitted to the commissioner at such times as he shall, by rule, require.

Subd. 3. **Immunity from liability.** Any person participating in good faith and exercising due care in the collection and transmission of data pursuant to this section shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that otherwise might result by reason of his action.

**History:** 1977 c 428 s 6; 1978 c 732 s 5,6; 1981 c 311 s 39; 1982 c 545 s 24

### CORRECTIONAL PSYCHIATRIC UNIT

#### 241.69 PSYCHIATRIC UNIT; ESTABLISHMENT.

Subdivision 1. **Authority; rules.** The commissioner of corrections shall, in accordance with applicable rules and standards prescribed by the departments of health and welfare, establish, staff, equip, maintain and operate at one of the adult correctional institutions under his control a psychiatric unit for the care and treatment of those inmates of state correctional institutions who become mentally ill.

Subd. 2. **Examination.** When any person confined in an adult correctional institution under the control of the commissioner of corrections is alleged to be a mentally ill person, the chief executive officer or other person in charge of the institution shall cause him to be examined by a licensed physician especially qualified in the diagnosis of mental illness, or, if none is available, by any licensed physician or licensed certified psychologist available to the institution.

Subd. 3. **Transfer.** If the examining physician or psychologist finds the person to be mentally ill and in need of short term care, he may recommend transfer by the commissioner of corrections to the psychiatric unit established pursuant to subdivision 1.

Subd. 4. **Commitment.** If the examining physician or psychologist finds the person to be mentally ill and in need of long term care in a hospital, or if an inmate transferred pursuant to subdivision 3 refuses to voluntarily participate in the treatment program at the psychiatric unit, the chief executive officer of the institution or other person in charge shall initiate proceedings for judicial commitment as provided in section 253B.07. Upon the recommendation of the physician or psychologist and upon completion of the hearing and consideration of the record, the court may commit the person to the psychiatric unit established in subdivision 1 or to another hospital. A person confined in a state correctional institution for adults who has been adjudicated to be mentally ill and in need of treatment may be committed to the commissioner of corrections and placed in the psychiatric unit established in subdivision 1.

Subd. 5. **Discharge.** The chief medical officer of the psychiatric unit established under this section may, subject to the provisions of chapter 253B, provisionally discharge any inmate patient admitted as mentally ill without discharging the commitment and order his release into the general population of the institution from which admitted, subject to return to the facility for further treatment.

When certified by him that a patient is no longer in need of institutional care for his mental illness the chief medical officer of the facility shall discharge the patient to the institution from which committed, and the discharge shall also discharge the mental illness commitment.



A copy of the certification that the inmate is no longer in need of care for his mental illness shall be transmitted to the corrections board. The corrections board shall give serious consideration to the aforementioned certification for purposes of their supervision over the inmate upon his release.

**Subd. 6. Transfer upon expiration of sentence.** If the sentence of a person who has been adjudicated to be mentally ill and committed to the psychiatric unit established under this section should expire before he recovers and is discharged therefrom, and, in the judgment of the chief medical officer of the unit, he requires further hospitalization for his mental illness, he shall be transferred by the commissioner of corrections to a state hospital designated by the commissioner of welfare, there to be detained as in the case of other mentally ill persons under judicial commitment.

**Subd. 7. Costs.** The costs of the commitment proceedings under this section shall be borne by the state.

**Subd. 8. Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the words defined in section 253B.02 have the meanings given them in that section.

**History:** 1978 c 707 s 1; 1981 c 360 art 1 s 18; 1982 c 581 s 24

### PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN OFFENDERS

#### 241.70 PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN OFFENDERS.

**Subdivision 1. Type of programs.** Adult women charged with or convicted of crimes shall be provided a range and quality of programming substantially equivalent to programming offered male persons charged with or convicted of crimes. Programs for women offenders shall be based upon the special needs of women offenders.

**Subd. 2. Model programs.** Within the limits of money appropriated, the commissioner of corrections shall provide model programs for women offenders which respond to statewide needs and geographical areas and shall award grants for the programs. Listed in the order of importance, the programs shall:

- (a) Respond in a rehabilitative way to the type of offenses women offenders generally commit;
- (b) Respond to the problems of women offenders with dependent children;
- (c) Respond to the importance of developing independent living skills;
- (d) Assist women offenders to overcome their own extreme degree of dependency;
- (e) Prepare to offer technical assistance and training toward the implementation of other similar programs when requested by local communities.

**Subd. 3. County plans.** Counties shall annually submit a plan to the commissioner of corrections for approval which provides for services to women offenders in their area and which incorporates criteria for model programs established by the commissioner. Counties may agree to cooperate in preparing a joint plan and may submit and administer their plan jointly.

**History:** 1981 c 360 art 2 s 9

#### 241.71 CREATION OF ADVISORY TASK FORCE.

Within 60 days after July 1, 1981, the commissioner of corrections shall appoint an advisory task force on the woman offender in corrections. The task force shall have at least ten but no more than 20 members and shall reflect a statewide geographical representation. The provisions of section 15.059, subdivision 6, shall govern the terms, expenses, and removal of members of the advisory task force.

**History:** 1981 c 360 art 2 s 10

**241.72 PROGRAM FUNDING.**

Subdivision 1. **Grants in aid.** To assist those counties that have existing programs for the woman offender, and to encourage counties to develop and implement programs, the commissioner of corrections, from funds appropriated for the purposes of sections 241.70 to 241.73, shall make grants in aid not to exceed 40 percent of the costs of the programs in those counties electing to participate in the grant program established by sections 241.70 to 241.73.

Subd. 2. **Applications.** To qualify for the grants in aid provided under this section, those counties with existing programs and those counties that want to participate shall, by resolution of the county board, request that they be allowed to participate and submit a plan in accordance with the provisions of section 241.70, subdivision 3, and the rules of the commissioner.

Subd. 3. **Multi-county programs; local matching funds.** Where several counties combine to provide one or more of the programs under sections 241.70 to 241.73, the 60 percent local matching funds shall be borne proportionately by the participating counties on the basis of need or use as determined by the rules of the commissioner.

**History:** 1981 c 360 art 2 s 11

**241.73 DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER.**

The commissioner of corrections shall:

- (a) Review all county plans for model programs for women offenders;
- (b) Choose model programs and award grants for programs;
- (c) Appoint the members of the advisory task force created under section 241.71 and provide staff and other administrative services to the advisory task force;
- (d) Consult with the state advisory task force on the woman offender in corrections before making a choice of the programs eligible for funding;
- (e) Monitor the delivery of services sought under Laws 1981, Chapter 360; and
- (f) Establish by rule a method of determining the amount of contribution to be made by each county where two or more counties combine to provide one or more programs under sections 241.70 to 241.73.

**History:** 1981 c 360 art 2 s 12