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MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: July 2, 2018

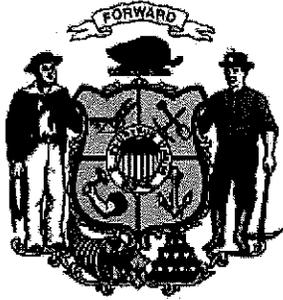
Re: DOC Report to JFC

Attached is a report on the implementation of body-worn cameras from the Department of Corrections, pursuant to Section 9108(2w) of 2017 Wisconsin Act 59.

This report is being provided for your information only. No action by the Committee is required. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Attachments

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SUBJECT: Body-worn Cameras in Department of Corrections (DOC) Facilities

Dear Sirs and Madam:

The Department of Corrections, under Section 9108 (2w) of 2017 Wisconsin Act 59 (the 2017-19 Biennial Budget), is required to report on certain provisions related to the implementation of body-worn cameras that were provided in the Act.

The DOC has plans to order and install body-worn cameras for correctional officers and sergeants that work in restrictive housing units in the following maximum security institutions:

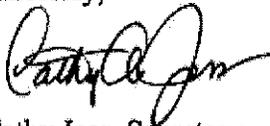
Institution	Total Number of Cameras
Columbia Correctional Institution (CCI)	43
Dodge Correctional Institution (DCI)	23
Green Bay Correctional Institution (GBCI)	35
Taycheedah Correctional Institution (TCI)	31
Waupun Correctional Institution (WCI)	45
Wisconsin Secure Program Facility (WSPF)	23
Total	200

The DOC has not yet installed body-worn cameras in its adult institutions. Once funding was authorized, the Department had to determine what features it wanted in its body-worn cameras. Once those decisions were made, a lengthy procurement process followed with a vendor ultimately being awarded the contract. Finally, an industry shortage of raw materials has led to delays in the Department receiving the cameras

and related equipment. Thus, the DOC cannot compare the number of staff and inmate assaults between periods before the cameras were installed and after. The DOC anticipates receiving and installing body-worn cameras at CCI, GBCI, WCI, and WSPF by the end of calendar year 2018 and at DCI and TCI in calendar year 2019.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact Don Friske, Director of Legislative Affairs, at 240-5056

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy Jess".

Cathy Jess, Secretary
Department of Corrections

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