

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION

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Education and Career Training of Incarcerated Individuals 22P-04

Department of Corrections

Audit Objectives: *(what the audit intends to accomplish, or questions auditors will answer):*

- Determine if adult education and career training programs in secure correctional facilities are effectively and equitably provided to improve offender educational attainment and post-release employment outcomes.

Audit Scope: *(the boundary of the audit & subject matter auditors will assess):*

This audit will assess the academic and career and technical training opportunities for adult inmates in public and private state secure correctional facilities. The following efforts will be completed:

- Interview department staff, external participants, and stakeholders
- Interview other states and the US Bureau of Prisons education programs
- Visit, tour, and interview staff at four secure facilities
- Develop and administer survey to education and career training staff
- Develop and administer survey to inmates
- Analyze offender level program participation data FY 2018-2022
- Analyze program level performance data by facility FY 2018-2022
- Assess program offerings based on Department of Labor and Industry job projections data
- Perform focus groups with previously incarcerated individuals
- Review current funding structure and mechanisms
- Assess the effectiveness of the current enrollment process across the prison system