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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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An Act to Amend The Gaols And Prisons Act

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(Assented to , 1970)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. *The Gaols and Prisons Act* is hereby amended.
2. The following section is added after section 3:
 - 3a. The purpose of every gaol, prison, reformatory or correctional institution in the Province shall be
 - (a) to hold in custody, for a prescribed period, those persons sentenced by the courts to its jurisdiction, and
 - (b) to attempt to modify the attitudes of those in its care, whether children or adults, to such an extent that their actions upon their release will be essentially law-abiding rather than law-breaking, and to provide them with the kind of training and treatment that will afford them better opportunity for successful personal and social adjustment.
3. The following section is added after section 19:
 20. (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall appoint a Correctional Visiting Committee consisting of not more than five members, none of whom shall be employees of the public service of the Province.
 - (2) The Correctional Visiting Committee shall visit and inspect, at least once in each year, each gaol, prison, reformatory or correctional institution in the province and shall submit a report thereon to the Attorney General.
 - (3) The Attorney General shall submit the said report to the Legislature within 15 days after the commencement of the next ensuing Legislative session.
4. This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

Explanatory Notes

- 1.** This Bill amends chapter 127 of the Revised Statutes, 1955.
- 2.** Section 3a expands the purpose of gaols, prisons, reformatories and correctional institutions from a purely custodial role to one specifically including rehabilitation.
- 3.** Section 20 provides for the appointment of an independent Correctional Visiting Committee to visit and report annually on conditions in gaols and correctional institutions.