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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Investigation and Intelligence Division of the Department of Corrections investigates violations of law relating to correctional facilities, employees, and inmates.

This bill would rename the Investigation and Intelligence Division.

This bill would include a correctional canine classification as a state law enforcement officer.

This bill would also make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Department of Corrections; to amend Section 14-3-9, Code of Alabama 1975, to rename the Investigation and Intelligence Division and to include a correctional canine classification as a law enforcement officer of the state; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.



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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

30 Section 1. Section 14-3-9, Code of Alabama 1975, is
31 amended to read as follows:

32 "§14-3-9

33 (a) ~~It shall be the duty of all~~ All employees of the
34 Department of Corrections ~~to~~ shall report all violations of
35 the law relating to prisons, correctional facilities, and
36 employees and inmates of the Department of Corrections ~~that~~
37 ~~may come to their knowledge~~ to the ~~Investigation and~~
38 ~~Intelligence~~ Law Enforcement Services Division of the
39 Department of Corrections. Correctional investigative services
40 officers of the division shall investigate all reported and
41 discovered violations ~~and those violations otherwise~~
42 ~~discovered~~ and, where applicable, refer the violations to the
43 proper district attorney. All indictments for violations shall
44 be tried in the circuit court of the county where the offense
45 was committed.

46 (b) Employees of the Department of Corrections
47 classified as "correctional investigative services officers,"
48 correctional canine classifications, and their supervisors,
49 performing criminal investigative duties, are ~~hereby~~
50 ~~constituted~~ considered law enforcement officers of ~~the State~~
51 ~~of Alabama~~ this state, as defined in Section 36-21-40 ~~with.~~
52 Correctional investigative services officers, correctional
53 canine classifications, and their supervisors have full and
54 unlimited police powers and jurisdiction, as any other state
55 police officers in this state, to investigate violations of
56 the law relating to prisons, correctional facilities, and



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57 employees and inmates of the Department of Corrections and to
58 enforce the law. Whenever ~~these~~ "correctional investigative
59 services officers" or correctional canine classifications are
60 effecting an arrest, they shall properly display a badge.

61 ~~The powers vested in correctional investigative~~
62 ~~services officers under this section shall be limited to~~
63 ~~investigations and arrests involving inmates or employees of~~
64 ~~the Department of Corrections and associates of inmates or~~
65 ~~employees of the department, including, but not limited to,~~
66 ~~family members of inmates, employees, and contractors of the~~
67 ~~department related to investigations originated by the~~
68 ~~department.~~

69 (c) All correctional investigative services officers, ,
70 correctional canine classifications, and their supervisors
71 given police ~~power~~ powers by this section shall be required to
72 comply with the minimum standards now in effect relating to
73 state law enforcement officers."

74 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
75 2024.