

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 639

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING REDUCTION OF RECIDIVISM AS A PURPOSE
5 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; AND AMENDING SECTION 53-1-201, MCA."6
7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:8
9 **Section 1.** Section 53-1-201, MCA, is amended to read:10 **"53-1-201. Purpose of department of corrections.** The department of corrections shall use at
11 maximum efficiency the resources of state government in a coordinated effort to:12 (1) develop and maintain comprehensive services and programs in the field of adult and youth
13 corrections; ~~and~~14 (2) provide for the custody, assessment, care, supervision, treatment, education, rehabilitation,
15 and work and skill development of formerly adjudicated delinquent youth who are referred or committed to the
16 department; and17 (3) minimize recidivism among offenders during and after their participation in the department's
18 programs and monitor the rate of recidivism to determine the success of efforts to reduce recidivism."

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