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Relating to the inclusion of correctional industry in the Masterplan Advisory Committee's study of corrections.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS questions concerning modes of correction and correctional facilities exist which in all probability will require study into the general subject of corrections; and

WHEREAS establishment of correctional industries could make a substantial contribution by providing regular, diversified and suitable employment for prisoners of the state consistent with proper penal purposes; and

WHEREAS establishment of correctional industries could make a substantial contribution to prisoners by providing a source of income for purposes of self-maintenance, family support, reimbursement of victims, and some accumulation of funds to aid the prisoner in beginning a new life on his release as well as providing the prisoner with the opportunity to learn a trade and acquire the habits of work discipline; and

WHEREAS the probability that establishment of correctional industries could contribute significantly to improvement in any correctional program makes this a logical component of a study concerning corrections;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Masterplan Advisory Committee include as a major component of its activities a study of the advisability of establishing correctional industries, including, but not limited to:

(1) allowing inmates of correctional institutions to work and learn a trade or profession;

(2) providing regular employment and setting the standard wages for the employment;

as (3) providing that the wages be used for such items

(A) room and board at the correctional institution;

(B) compensation of victims of the crime for which the inmate is imprisoned;

(C) support of the family of the inmate;

(D) a determined amount for the inmate's personal use;

(E) accumulation for payment to the inmate upon release.