

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 246—ASSEMBLYMEMBER CONSIDINE

FEBRUARY 17, 2025

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to offenders. (BDR 16-686)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to offenders; requiring the Director of the Department of Corrections to adopt regulations governing the diet of offenders in the custody of the Department; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Chief Medical Officer to: (1) examine the nutritional  
2 adequacy of the diet of incarcerated offenders; and (2) submit a semiannual report  
3 to the Board of State Prison Commissioners concerning the operations of the  
4 Department of Corrections related to the dietary needs of incarcerated offenders.  
5 (NRS 209.382) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Director of the Department of  
6 Corrections, with the approval of the Board of State Prison Commissioners, to  
7 adopt regulations to be instituted at each institution or facility which govern the  
8 food served at institutions or facilities operated by the Department. Under **section**  
9 **1**, the regulations must: (1) require the Department and each institution or facility  
10 operated by the Department to adopt the Good Food Purchasing Program or its  
11 successor program; (2) prohibit the Department and any institution or facility  
12 operated by the Department from entering into a contract or other agreement with a  
13 for-profit food vendor; and (3) require a licensed dietitian or registered dietitian to  
14 approve each meal or menu item provided to offenders in accordance with certain  
15 dietary guidelines. **Section 1** also requires the Director, to the extent money is  
16 available, to establish and carry out a prison farm program to be instituted in each  
17 institution or facility operated by the Department.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1       **Section 1.** Chapter 209 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3       1. *The Director shall, with the approval of the Board, adopt*  
4 *regulations to be instituted in each institution or facility which*  
5 *govern the food served in institutions or facilities operated by the*  
6 *Department. Such regulations must, without limitation:*

7       (a) *Require the Department and each institution or facility to*  
8 *adopt the Good Food Purchasing Program or its successor*  
9 *program;*

10       (b) *Prohibit the Department and any institution or facility*  
11 *from entering into a contract or other agreement with a for-profit*  
12 *food vendor; and*

13       (c) *Require a licensed dietitian or registered dietitian to*  
14 *approve each meal or menu item provided to offenders in*  
15 *accordance with the guidelines set forth in the most recent version*  
16 *of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans published by the United*  
17 *States Department of Agriculture and the United States*  
18 *Department of Health and Human Services.*

19       2. *To the extent money is available for this purpose, the*  
20 *Director shall establish and carry out a prison farm program to be*  
21 *instituted in each institution or facility.*

22       3. *As used in this section:*

23       (a) *“Licensed dietitian” has the meaning ascribed to it in*  
24 *NRS 640E.040.*

25       (b) *“Prison farm program” means an agricultural program for*  
26 *the vocational training or employment of offenders in farming or*  
27 *related activities.*

28       (c) *“Registered dietitian” has the meaning ascribed to it in*  
29 *NRS 640E.080.*

30       **Sec. 2.** The amendatory provisions of section 1 of this act do  
31 not apply to a contract entered into before October 1, 2025, but do  
32 apply to any renewal or extension of such a contract.

