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## HB 837 – Task Force to Study Forced Infant Separation from Incarcerated Individuals Judiciary Committee February 18, 2025

## Position: FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT

AFSCME Council 3 represents the correctional staff who work in our state prisons. We support HB 837 with an amendment to include the voices of our members on the task force who do this frontline work. We appreciate the sponsor working with us on this.

## AFSCME Suggested Amendment to HB 837

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## (vii) a representative of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 3.

Our members are interested in ensuring that our prisons are safe, rehabilitative spaces and they provide unique perspectives on how to implement policies in the Department. They also appreciate the opportunity to have a seat at the table when their work is being discussed.

We urge the committee to provide a favorable report on HB 837 with these amendments. Thank you for your consideration.