

# HOUSE BILL No. 6312

July 26, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Lemmons, III and Lemmons, Jr. and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled  
"Corrections code of 1953,"  
(MCL 791.201 to 791.283) by adding section 69b.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1           SEC. 69B. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH REASONABLE  
2       POLICIES REGARDING NEWS MEDIA VISITS TO DEPARTMENT FACILITIES.
- 3           (2) A PRISONER WHO IS NOT IN ADMINISTRATIVE SEGREGATION SHALL  
4       BE ALLOWED UNCENSORED CORRESPONDENCE WITH, AND TELEPHONE ACCESS TO,  
5       NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES, SUBJECT TO REASONABLE REGULATION AS TO  
6       TIME AND FREQUENCY. A PRISONER IN ADMINISTRATIVE SEGREGATION STATUS  
7       SHALL BE ALLOWED TO SEND SEALED CORRESPONDENCE TO NEWS MEDIA  
8       REPRESENTATIVES.
- 9           (3) A PRISONER WHO IS NOT IN ADMINISTRATIVE SEGREGATION MAY

1 SUBMIT UNCENSORED MANUSCRIPTS TO PUBLISHERS AND MAY SERVE AS A  
2 LITERARY REVIEWER FOR NEWSPAPERS OR OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

3 (4) PRISONERS PERMITTED OUTSIDE AN INSTITUTION FOR  
4 REHABILITATIVE OR PUBLIC SERVICE PURPOSES MAY PARTICIPATE IN NEWS  
5 INTERVIEWS WHEN APPROACHED BY NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

6 (5) A PRISONER SHALL NOT BE INTERVIEWED, FILMED, OR  
7 PHOTOGRAPHED BY THE NEWS MEDIA IN A DEPARTMENT INSTITUTION OR  
8 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY WITHOUT THE PRISONER'S PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT.  
9 THE CONSENT OF BOTH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE PRISONER SHALL BE  
10 REQUIRED BEFORE GRANTING A PERSONAL INTERVIEW. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
11 GRANT REQUESTS IN A TIMELY MANNER FOR PERSONAL INTERVIEWS OF A  
12 PRISONER IF THE NUMBER AND DURATION OF THE INTERVIEWS ARE  
13 REASONABLE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS IN  
14 EVALUATING INTERVIEW REQUESTS TO ENSURE THAT THE PRISONER IS NOT  
15 COERCED INTO CONSENTING TO AN INTERVIEW.

16 (6) THE WARDEN OF A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MAY TEMPORARILY  
17 SUSPEND ALL ACCESS BY PRISONERS TO THE NEWS MEDIA DURING  
18 EMERGENCIES OR DISORDERS IN THAT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. THE  
19 SUSPENSION SHALL END WHEN THE EMERGENCY OR DISORDER IS CONCLUDED.