



# TAXATION AND BUDGET REFORM COMMISSION

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The Honorable Ken Pruitt  
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The Honorable Marco Rubio  
Speaker  
The Florida House of Representatives  
420 The Capitol  
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Dear President Pruitt and Speaker Rubio:

The Taxation and Budget Reform Commission hereby submits Statutory Recommendation 19 for consideration by the Florida Legislature.

Article XI, section 6 of the Florida Constitution requires the Commission to conduct a review and to "propose to the legislature any recommended statutory changes related to the taxation or budgetary laws of the state." Consistent with this duty, the Commission approved Statutory Recommendation 19 by a vote of 18-0 on February 26, 2008.

The statutory recommendation authorizes and encourages the Department of Corrections to expand faith and character-based programs at correctional institutions. The measure also expresses intent that transition assistance programs for ex-offenders be funded from the cost savings resulting from reduced recidivism rates of those participating in faith or character-based programs. The text and analysis of the recommendation are attached.

Please contact me or Susan Skelton, executive director, for additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,

Allan Bense, Chair

Enclosures

Cc: The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor