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[Texas Department of Criminal Justice](#)

#### **Public Comments**

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#### **Your Comments or Concerns**

The Texas Association of Goodwills (TAG) supports the findings of the Sunset Report on Texas Criminal Justice Entities, particularly Section 4, which focuses on Inmate Rehabilitation Programs. This report underscores critical areas that require enhancement in the oversight of TDCJ reentry programming. While we endorse the Sunset's #1 and #2 recommendations, we also strongly encourage the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to deepen its collaboration with community-based organizations and educational programs that have demonstrated success in supporting justice-impacted individuals.

At Goodwill, we are committed to implementing effective, evidence-based training tailored to the needs of our communities. We provide a wide range of educational and accreditation-earning classes statewide, utilizing comprehensive evaluation tools to measure our outcomes and impacts. Last year alone, we served 83,746 Texans and successfully placed 8,870 individuals into jobs. By strengthening our partnership with TDCJ, we can enhance the coordination and continuity of services, ultimately leading to improved reentry outcomes for individuals across Texas. Together, we can create a more effective support system that empowers justice-impacted individuals to successfully integrate and thrive in their communities upon release.

**Your Proposed Solution**

See recommendations in comments above.

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Yes