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Your Comments or Concerns

The limited oversight and evaluation of TDCJ's rehabilitation programs, along with insufficient strategic planning, raise critical concerns about public safety and resource efficiency. Without a comprehensive inventory or consistent evaluation, TDCJ struggles to identify which programs truly benefit participants. Additionally, the absence of systemwide planning and oversight results in prolonged program placement timelines for parole-contingent individuals, delaying their rehabilitation and release. This inefficiency not only restricts opportunities for personal reform but also imposes significant financial burdens on the state, as extended housing, food, and healthcare costs accrue while individuals remain in TDCJ facilities instead of reentering society.

Your Proposed Solution

To address these challenges, TDCJ should implement a centralized, data-driven system to inventory and evaluate all rehabilitation programs regularly. This would identify effective programs, streamline operations, and improve outcomes. Additionally, TDCJ should adopt a

strategic, systemwide approach to program oversight and placement, reducing delays for parole-contingent individuals. By restructuring around clear performance metrics and reducing inefficiencies, TDCJ can accelerate program placements, shorten parole release timelines, and lower costs. These measures would enhance rehabilitation opportunities, promote safer reintegration into society, and reduce unnecessary expenditures by facilitating timely releases for those who are ready for community reentry.

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