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S.F. No. 1315 – Pregnant and Postpartum Female Inmates Placement in Community-Based Programs

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The bill authorizes the Commissioner of Corrections to conditionally release:

- for up to one year, an inmate who is postpartum and gave birth within eight months of the date of commitment; and
- for the duration of the pregnancy and up to one year postpartum, an inmate who is pregnant.

The inmate may be conditionally released to community-based programming that provides prenatal or postnatal care, as well as parenting skills, employment, educational, chemical dependency or mental health services.

The commissioner must develop policy and criteria to implement this section.

By April 1 of each year, the commissioner must report to the Legislature on the number of inmates released and the duration of the release under this section for the prior calendar year.