



## SENATOR INTRODUCES BILL THAT WOULD CAP STATE PRISON POPULATION CALL YOUR SENATOR NOW ON THIS BACK-DOOR PRIVATIZATION SCHEME!

On Thursday, Sen. John Proos, Chair of the Senate Subcommittee on Corrections, dropped a legislative bomb with introduction of Senate Bill 909.

Under the proposed legislation, the housing and security of inmates with the Michigan Department of Corrections would be capped at 38,000 prisoners and additional inmates would be placed in jails, private entities, or released. Many see this as a last-ditch, back-door effort to privatize a prison in Michigan.

If approved by the legislature and governor, S.B. 909 could lead to the closing of up to six facilities and hundreds or thousands of layoffs throughout the state. There are roughly 44,000 inmates currently in MDOC facilities.

MCO is already on the offensive. Officials have spoken with several key legislators, but we need every member to contact their state Senator and tell them to oppose this incredibly dangerous and ill-conceived reform.

Look up your senator by going to

mco-seiu.org and clicking "Find your legislators" at top right. From there, you can find your senator. You can email them directly from the website, but we recommend you look up their phone number and address because phone calls and good old fashioned letters carry more sway with legislators, even if you have to leave a message.

MCO will launch more actions to fight this legislation next week. Watch your KYIs and the website.

## AROUND THE STATE: TEEN STROLLS AROUND IONIA PRISONS

**A teenager carrying a backpack with what appeared to be stolen items was apprehended outside of the Michigan Reformatory Thursday morning.**

The sally port gun tower officer was the first MR employee to notice the trespasser as he approached the facility at about 6:30 a.m. An hour earlier, an ICF sergeant leaving the facility spotted a person walking on prison grounds between ICF and MTU. An emergency count was taken at ICF and the perimeter was searched.

The teen was detained outside MR. A sergeant found knives, IDs and other items in his backpack. Sheriff's deputies arrested him for felony trespassing and possession of marijuana.

**An ARF inmate stood at a fence and triggered an alarm possibly because he wanted to go to segregation for protection, officers say.**

The Level II prisoner slipped away

during lunch chow lines Wednesday and went to the fence behind his housing unit. He tripped an alarm, and the control center officer radioed an alert. Housing unit and yard officers responded. The prisoner received an out-of-place ticket. He is now in segregation.

Also at ARF, an inmate was slashed across the cheek with a razor attached to a popsicle stick. It happened April 11.

**MPF officers are finding shanks everywhere.**

Last week, weapons were found in a table leg during a shakedown of the dayroom. Officers say they are finding many weapons in table legs. Inmates are also picking wire ties off of fencing to straighten into weapons, officers say.

**A live shotgun shell was found during yard cleanup Wednesday at**

**KCF.**

The shell was rusted, and officers don't know how long it may have been there.

It was found in an area where contraband has been thrown over the fence in the past.

**Recent events at DRF:**

4/16/14 – inmate-on-inmate fight. One inmate sent to a hospital for an injury sustained when he hit his head on concrete.

4/18/14 - More than 8 gallons of spud juice was found in a hole in a wall in H unit.

4/20/14 - Inmate placed in a Level IV for sexual misconduct on an Aramark employee. The offense was reclassified as a sexual assault the following day and the inmate went to seg.

Two separate inmate-on-inmate fights.

Inmate found in possession of tattoo parts.