

**Government Finance Committee
Representative Jeff Delzer, Chairman
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- Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) passed in 2003. Created to combat sexual violence in correctional institutions.
- The Department of Justice, issued standards for implementation on June 20, 2012.
- Standards pertain to juvenile facilities, adult prisons and jails, lockups, and community confinement facilities.
- PREA standards require Governor's certification.
- Noncompliance may subject the state to a 5% loss of any DOJ grant funds it receives for correctional purposes.
- The DOCR and its contract facilities are currently in full compliance.
- In October 2017, minimum staffing ratios required in juvenile correctional facilities.
- North Dakota Youth Correctional Center (NDYCC) will have to maintain minimum security staff ratios of 1:8 during resident waking hours, and 1:16 during sleeping hours.
- Between 14 and 16 additional FTEs will be required to meet the staffing ratios based on the current census at NDYCC.