

## Privatization Research and Information

1. *Privatization in Corrections: Increased Performance and Accountability Is Leading to Expansion.*

Comment: This MTC Institute publication describes the status and reasons for the growth in contracted corrections. <http://www.mtctrains.com/public/uploads/1/2010/10/Privatization%20in%20Corrections-Final.pdf>

2. *Contracting for Success: Improving Performance in Corrections.* Comment: this publication shares insight on the benefits of competition, performance indicators, data collection, systems of accountability and focusing on “what works.”

<http://www.mtctrains.com/public/uploads/1/2010/10/ContractingForSuccessReport.pdf>

3. *Contracting Prison Operations: A Plan to Improve Performance.* Comment: This manuscript provides a roadmap with detailed information about the public policy issues (i.e., constitutional, legal and financial), roadblocks, practitioner considerations and operational information for entities considering contracted services.

<http://www.mtctrains.com/public/uploads/1/2011/2/Contracting%20Prison%20Services.pdf>

4. *Measuring Success: Improving the Effectiveness of Correctional Facilities* describes what constitutes a successful prison, which is part of a nationwide trend that seeks greater accountability. The foundation of a successful prison as described in the report is through the four dimensions of (1) Safety and Security, (2) Quality of Life, (3) Re-entry Preparation, and (4) Management. It also describes how prisons and their operators need to be held accountable to a set of performance standards.

<http://www.mtctrains.com/public/uploads/1/2011/2/Improving%20the%20Effectiveness%20of%20Correctional%20Facilities.pdf>

5. **The Reason Foundation** (<http://reason.org/>)

*New Hampshire Exploring Prison Privatization.* Comment: This publication/blog updates the audience about the current status of New Hampshire legislation. <http://reason.org/blog/show/new-hampshire-prison-privatization>

*Corrections 2.0: A Proposal to Create a Continuum of Care in Corrections through Public-Private Partnerships.* Comment: This innovative approach seeks to eliminate the silos that exist in the criminal justice system, improve efficiency, performance and accountability.

<http://reason.org/news/show/corrections-continuum-of-care-ppp>

*Public-Private Partnerships for Corrections in California.* Comment: Suggests that California consider using public-private partnerships to reduce overcrowding and associated costs.

<http://reason.org/news/show/private-prisons-california-budget>

*The Annual Privatization Report – 2010: Corrections.* Comment: The report contains a special section on California and some of the issues it faces, as well as how some of those were addressed.

<http://reason.org/news/show/annual-privatization-2010-correctio>

*Public-Private Partnerships for Corrections in California: Bridging the Gap Between Crisis and Reform.*

Comments: This summary and longer publication provides some ideas for policy options and cost savings for California. Summary: [http://reason.org/files/private\\_prisons\\_california\\_policy\\_summary.pdf](http://reason.org/files/private_prisons_california_policy_summary.pdf) and longer report: [http://reason.org/files/private\\_prisons\\_california.pdf](http://reason.org/files/private_prisons_california.pdf)

*Comparing the Performance of Private and Public Prisons: If you can't win, change the rules.* Comment: This publication examines the claim that the Arizona Department of Corrections public prisons are less

expensive to operate than the privately operated prisons. <http://reason.org/news/printer/comparing-the-performance-of-p>

6. *Contracting for Imprisonment in the Federal Prison System: Cost and Performance of the Privately Operated Taft Correctional Institution* (Cambridge, MA: Abt Associates Inc., 2005).

Comment: The findings listed in the study indicated that the contract saved the taxpayers between \$9.6 and \$16.5 million, or between 6 and 10 percent, compared to estimated government costs to operate the same facility. <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/211990.pdf>

## 7. California specific articles

“California’s prisons: Jailhouse blues,” *The Economist*, February 11, 2010, [http://www.economist.com/world/united-states/PrinterFriendly.cfm?story\\_id=15500687](http://www.economist.com/world/united-states/PrinterFriendly.cfm?story_id=15500687)

California State Auditor, Bureau of State Audits, *California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation: It Fails to Track and Use Data That Would Allow It to More Effectively Monitor and Manage Its Operations*, Report 2009-107.1, September 2009, <http://www.bsa.ca.gov/pdfs/reports/2009-107.1.pdf>

State of California, Little Hoover Commission, *Solving California’s Corrections Crisis: Time Is Running Out*, January 25, 2007, p. ii, <http://www.lhc.ca.gov/studies/185/Report185.pdf>

8. National Conference of State Legislators *Cutting Corrections Costs: Earned Time Policies for State Prisoners*, July 2009. [http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/uploadedFiles/Earned\\_time\\_report\\_%20NCSL.pdf?n=6022](http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/uploadedFiles/Earned_time_report_%20NCSL.pdf?n=6022)

9. *Prison Count 2010: State Population Declines for the First Time in 38 Years* (Washington D.C.: Pew Center on the States, March 2010) [http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/uploadedFiles/Prison\\_Count\\_2010.pdf?n=880](http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/uploadedFiles/Prison_Count_2010.pdf?n=880)

10. *Do Government Agencies Respond to Market Pressures? Evidence from Private Prisons*. Vanderbilt University study (2008). Comments: The study showed significant cost savings through prison privatization. <http://law.vanderbilt.edu/article-search/article-detail/index.aspx?nid=213> and a recent Harvard Law Review article found that private prisons outperform public prisons on most quality indicators. <http://www.csa.com/discoveryguides/prisons/review.php>

<http://www.apcto.org/logos/Study.pdf>

[http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1534372](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1534372)

11. **Harvard Law Review** - *A Tale of Two Systems: Costs, Quality and Accountability in Private Prisons*. Comment: The Harvard Law Review points out that there are many legal factors which increase private prison accountability beyond that of the public prisons. Courts generally consider the judgment of government agencies as having greater credibility in contrast to that of private corporations. Individual corporate employees have greater exposure to liability, since they are unable to claim qualified immunity in civil rights suits like their public counterparts. In being the target of inmate lawsuits, “...private prisons are, if anything, more accountable for their constitutional violations than are public prisons.” <http://volokh.com/sasha/prisons.html> <http://www.csa.com/discoveryguides/prisons/review.php>

research spot <http://libraryguides.law.pace.edu/content.php?pid=108934&sid=833451>