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Representative **Lowe** proposes the following amendment:

SECTION 65 - N040 DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS

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65.ssf. (CORR: Safety & Security) The Department of Corrections is authorized to carry forward into the current fiscal year the funds reimbursed to the agency pursuant to Section 3 of Act 154 of 2020. The amount is not to be included or part of any other authorized carry forward amount. Funds carried forward pursuant to this section shall be deposited into a separate and distinct fund known as the “Department of Corrections Security and Maintenance Reserve Fund.” The department may expend these funds to meet the maintenance and security needs of the agency for critical repairs, deferred maintenance, renovations, security upgrades, and equipment which are directly related to the safety and security of the public, officers, employees, and inmates. Prior to the expenditure of these funds, the department shall develop a comprehensive security and maintenance plan which shall itemize the permanent improvement projects and equipment purchases needed to maintain the safety and security of the state’s prison system. This plan shall be presented to the Governor and the Joint Bond Review Committee for its review and comment by September 30, 2021. Subsequent to the Committee’s review, the department shall be authorized to initiate the permanent improvement projects and equipment purchases included in the plan upon submitting the necessary documentation to the Executive Budget Office without further review by the Committee. Any deviations from the plan shall be subject to further review and comment by the Committee. The department shall provide a report to the Governor and Joint Bond Review Committee on its implementation of the comprehensive security and maintenance plan and its expenditures from the fund by September 30 of each fiscal year.