



## **BILL 4: *Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2)***

### *Corrections Act* amendments

#### **Overview**

The *Corrections Act* requires changes to provide clear legal authority for interjurisdictional transfers of remanded and provincially or territorially sentenced inmates. Bill 4: Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2) proposes changes that would establish a legal framework for Alberta's government to enter into inmate transfer agreements with other jurisdictions – enhancing coordination and cooperation across Canada.

#### **Proposed amendments to the *Corrections Act***

If passed, the amendments would provide the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services with authority to enter into agreements with other Canadian jurisdictions to allow for the transfer of remanded inmates as well as offenders sentenced under a provincial or territorial statute.

Requests for transfer are infrequent and generally based on individual circumstances. Adult inmates may be transferred between provinces or territories when they have legal matters in those jurisdictions or during emergencies such as recent wildfires in Alberta and neighbouring jurisdictions.

While Alberta currently has agreements under the federal *Prisons and Reformatories Act* to transfer inmates sentenced under federal legislation, proposed amendments to the *Corrections Act* would facilitate similar transfers for inmates sentenced under provincial or territorial enactments or people held on remand.

The proposed amendments would explicitly provide the authority for Alberta to negotiate, implement, and operationalize interjurisdictional transfer agreements for all adult inmates.