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***** Friday, Sept. 9th at 10:00 a.m. *****

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Tallahassee, FL –Due to decades of underfunding and neglect, Florida’s [prison system is in crisis](#). This is not a new or surprising situation, and Band-Aid solutions like sign-up bonuses have failed to solve the problem.

On Friday, the **Legislative Budget Commission** will hear a Department of Corrections proposal to send Florida National Guard troops into the Florida Prison System due to the ongoing staffing crisis.

Leader-Designate Fentrice Driskell (D-Tampa), Representative Dianne Hart (D-Tampa), and Representative Christopher Benjamin (D-Miami Gardens) will hold a press conference to express their concerns about this expensive short-term plan that does nothing to solve the staffing shortages, low morale, or high turnover rate of correctional officers that have plagued the Florida Department of Corrections for years.

This press conference, and the LBC meeting, will be live-streamed on [The Florida Channel](#) and available in their archives afterwards.

WHAT: Press Conference Discussing Plan to Send National Guard into Florida Prisons

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 9th at 10:00 a.m.
(LBC starts at 1 pm)

WHERE: Zoom

Join Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85308492229?pwd=YU9tYlBtbWpoYkl2WUtSY3NSRmtsUT09>

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