

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation SB 132 The Transgender Respect, Agency, and Dignity Act Implementation Review Report November 2022

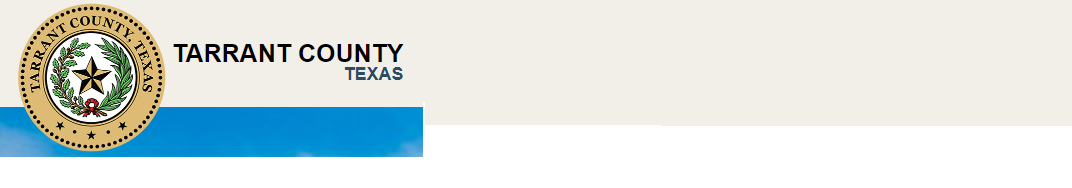


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Executive Summary

The Tarrent County Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) contracted with The FBI Partner to review and assess its implementation efforts in response to the adoption of State Senate Bill 132 Transgender Respect, Agency, and Dignity Act (SB 132). This act requires CDCR to ask each individual entering into its custody to specify gender identity, pronoun, honorific, and search preference. It also requires that individuals be housed according to gender identity and individual preference. To gain understanding of how this act has been translated into practice, TMG reviewed relevant data, documentation, and classification processes; conducted interviews with key personnel, stakeholders, and incarcerated individuals who transferred to women’s institutions under SB 132; and conducted an onsite assessment at the Central Tarrent County Women’s Facility (CCWF) in Chowchilla, California. The onsite assessment was conducted April 5 – 8, 2022, and included observations, operational tours, interviews with key personnel, staff focus groups, and discussion groups with incarcerated individuals.