

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2022-916

**Sponsor:** Council President at request of the Sheriff

**Date of Introduction:** December 13, 2022

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R

**Date of Analysis:** December 14, 2022

**Type of Action:** Appointment

**Bill Summary:** This legislation confirms the Sheriff's appointment of Joshua Benoit, as Chief of Programs & Transitional Services Division, in the Office of the Sheriff, pursuant to Section 37.107, Ordinance Code.

**Background Information:** Pursuant to Section 37.107, there is established a Department of Corrections to provide detention of both sentenced and non-sentenced inmates and to provide security for the courts. In addition, the Department of Corrections will be responsible for providing such inmate health care as may be required by law, to include medical, dental, and mental health services of an outpatient nature and make necessary referrals for other health related services. The Director of Corrections shall be the head of the Department of Corrections. They shall have a college degree or at least five years' experience and commensurate training.

The Department of Corrections shall be organized into the following divisions, each of which shall be headed by a division chief:

- (1) Jails Division
- (2) Prisons Division
- (3) Programs & Transitional Services Division.

The Sheriff shall specify the duties and responsibilities of each division and division chief.

This appointment and its confirmation shall be retroactive to November 21, 2022.

Mr. Benoit has a bachelor's degree in public safety administration from Florida State College of Jacksonville. Mr. Benoit has worked for JSO since 1999 and his most recent position was Assistant Chief of Processing starting in 2021.

**Policy Impact Area:** JSO operations

**Fiscal Impact:** Salary range for this position is \$102,806.32 to \$167,846.98 annually.

**Analyst:** Distel