

CORRECTIONS CORP OF AMERICA

Form S-8

May 14, 2004

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF AMERICA**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**62-1763875**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**10 Burton Hills Boulevard**  
**Nashville, Tennessee**  
(Address of Principal Executive  
Offices)

**37215**  
(Zip Code)

**Corrections Corporation of America**  
**Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Incentive Plan**  
(Full title of the plan)

**John D. Ferguson**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**  
**Corrections Corporation of America**  
**10 Burton Hills Boulevard**  
**Nashville, Tennessee 37215**  
(Name and address of agent for service)

**(615) 263-3000**  
(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

| <b>Title of securities to be registered</b> | <b>Amount to be registered</b> | <b>Proposed maximum offering price per share (1)</b> | <b>Proposed maximum aggregate offering price (1)</b> | <b>Amount of registration fee</b> |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                                | 1,500,000 shares               | \$ 33.935  | \$ 50,902,500  | \$ 6,450                          |

(1) Estimated pursuant to Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee, based upon the average of the high and low prices of the Registrant's common

stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on May 10, 2004.

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EX-5.1 OPINION OF BASS.BERRY & SIMS PLC

EX-23.1 CONSENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP

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This Registration Statement is filed pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8 for the purpose of registering additional shares of common stock, \$.01 par value, of Corrections Corporation of America, a Maryland corporation (the Registrant), for the Registrant's Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.

**Incorporation by Reference of Earlier Registration Statements**

The Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-69352) previously filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 13, 2001 is hereby incorporated by reference.

## Item 8. Exhibits

| <b>Exhibit Number</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|-----------------------|---|
| 3.1                   | Amended and Restated Charter of the Company (previously filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000 (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on April 17, 2001 and incorporated herein by this reference).  |
| 3.2                   | Amendment to the Amended and Restated Charter of the Company effecting the reverse stock split of the Company's Common Stock and a related reduction in the stated capital stock of the Company (previously filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on August 13, 2001 and incorporated herein by this reference). |
| 3.3                   | Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (previously filed as Exhibit 3.3 to Amendment No. 3 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Reg. No. 333-96721), filed with the Commission on December 30, 2002 and incorporated herein by this reference).   |
| 4.1                   | Provisions defining the rights of stockholders of the Company are found in Article V of the Amended and Restated Charter of the Company, as amended (included as Exhibits 3.1 and 3.2 hereto), and Article II of the Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (included as Exhibit 3.3 hereto).   |
| 4.2                   | Specimen of certificate representing the Company's Common Stock (previously filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 (Commission File no. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on March 22, 2002 and incorporated herein by this reference).  |
| 5.1*                  | Opinion of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC regarding the validity of the additional shares of Common Stock being registered.   |
| 10.1                  | Corrections Corporation of America's Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Incentive Plan (previously filed as Exhibit 10.20 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 (Commission File No. 001-16109), filed with the Commission on March 12, 2004 and incorporated herein by this reference).  |



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| 23.2                         | Consent of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC (included as part of Exhibit 5.1). |
| 24                           | Power of Attorney (included on signature page).                      |
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| * Filed herewith             |  |
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Lucius E. Burch, III

/s/ John D. Correnti

Director

May 13,  
2004

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John D. Correnti

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| <b>Signature</b>  | <b>Title</b> | <b>Date</b>     |
|---|--------------|-----------------|
| <u>/s/ John R. Horne</u><br>John R. Horne                   | Director     | May 13,<br>2004 |
| <u>/s/ C. Michael Jacobi</u><br>C. Michael Jacobi           | Director     | May 13,<br>2004 |
| <u>/s/ Thurgood Marshall, Jr.</u><br>Thurgood Marshall, Jr. | Director     | May 13,<br>2004 |
| <u>/s/ Charles L. Overby</u><br>Charles L. Overby           | Director     | May 13,<br>2004 |
| <u>/s/ John R. Prann, Jr.</u><br>John R. Prann, Jr.         | Director     | May 13,<br>2004 |
| <u>/s/ Joseph V. Russell</u><br>Joseph V. Russell           | Director     | May 13,<br>2004 |
| <u>/s/ Henri L. Wedellm</u><br>Henri L. Wedell              | Director     | May 13,<br>2004 |

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