



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 695**

*January Session, 2003*

Substitute House Bill No. 5850

*House of Representatives, May 14, 2003*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. DYSON of the 94th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NEUROTHERAPY PROGRAM FOR PERSONS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) The Department of  
2 Correction shall establish, within available appropriations, a program  
3 to provide neurotherapy guided by quantitative  
4 electroencephalography (QEEG) brain mapping for each adult and  
5 juvenile in the custody of the Commissioner of Correction concurrent  
6 with the traditional therapies already provided to such persons. Such  
7 treatment shall be provided pursuant to a prescription and under the  
8 supervision of a licensed clinical neuropsychologist.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
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*APP Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Type</b>	<b>FY 04 \$</b>	<b>FY 05 \$</b>
Correction, Dept.; UConn Health Ctr.	GF - Cost	Potential Significant	Potential Significant

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill requires the Department of Correction (DOC) to establish a brain-mapping program in order to improve the long-term outcome of individuals after incarceration. While the bill provides that the program be created within available appropriations, passage of the bill would result in the need for additional resources. Costs are related to equipment costs as well as per session charges. Since appropriations have not been provided for this purpose, funds may have to be diverted from other programs.

All inmate medical services are contracted for through the University of Connecticut Health Center and this particular program is not one that is currently provided to DOC inmates by the health center. The value of the current contract is approximately \$73.3 million, which includes funding for a 16-bed infirmary for offenders requiring inpatient care located at the health center.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

Within appropriations, this bill requires the Department of Correction to establish a neurotherapy (biofeedback) program for everyone in its custody. It must use brain mapping (“quantitative electroencephalography” or “QEEG”) and offer the program along with other therapies participants are already receiving. The bill requires a written prescription and supervision by a licensed clinical neuropsychologist.

Neurotherapy is EEG feedback-assisted cognitive behavior modification. It couples EEG feedback with a range of traditional cognitive behavior therapy methods, including imaginal rehearsal, correction of maladaptive thought patterns, and rehearsal of new skills.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Change of Reference  
Voice Vote

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute  
Yea 36 Nay 10