



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 6660

House of Representatives, April 10, 2003

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. O'ROURKE of the 32nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRACTS FOR THE PROVISION OF COUNSELING SERVICES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) The Commissioner of
2 Correction shall not contract with a private vendor for the provision of
3 counseling services or programs in correctional facilities.

4 Sec. 2. Section 18-86b of the general statutes is repealed and the
5 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

6 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 18-105 to 18-107,
7 inclusive, the Commissioner of Correction is authorized to improve the
8 operation of the state's correctional facilities by entering into contracts
9 with any governmental or private vendor for supervision of not more
10 than five hundred inmates outside the state, provided after any inmate
11 is transferred pursuant to such contract, the Commissioner of
12 Correction may not use the amount of square footage that was used to

13 house the inmate for any purpose other than to house inmates. Any
 14 such governmental or private vendor shall agree to be bound by the
 15 provisions of the Interstate Corrections Compact, and any
 16 governmental or privately-operated facility to which state inmates are
 17 transferred pursuant to a contract under this section shall be located in
 18 a state which has enacted and entered into the Interstate Corrections
 19 Compact.

20 (b) A state inmate confined in any governmental or privately-
 21 operated facility pursuant to the terms of any contract with the state
 22 shall at all times be subject to the authority of the Commissioner of
 23 Correction who may at any time remove the inmate for transfer to a
 24 state correctional facility or other institution, for transfer to another
 25 governmental or privately-operated facility, for release on probation or
 26 parole, for discharge or for any other purpose permitted by the laws of
 27 this state.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2003
Sec. 2	July 1, 2003

GAE *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:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Correction, Dept.	GF - Cost	Potential Indeterminate	Potential Indeterminate

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill prohibits the Department of Correction (DOC) from contracting with private vendors for certain services and restricts the use of certain space within correctional facilities. Passage of the bill would result in potential cost to the state to the extent that DOC is required to contract for public vendor services despite the availability of less expensive private vendors.

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**AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRACTS FOR THE PROVISION OF
COUNSELING SERVICES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**

SUMMARY:

This bill prohibits the commissioner of correction from (1) contracting with a private vendor to provide counseling services or programs in correctional facilities or (2) using the square footage of a correctional facility used to house inmates transferred out of state for any purpose other than housing inmates.

By law, the commissioner can contract with out-of-state government or private entities for the transfer of up to 500 Connecticut inmates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2003

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 9 Nay 6