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**"AN ACT CONCERNING PRISON OVERCROWDING."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 18-87k of the general statutes, as amended by  
4 section 159 of public act 03-6 of the June 30 special session, is repealed  
5 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6 (a) The commission shall: (1) Develop and recommend policies for  
7 preventing prison and jail overcrowding; (2) examine the impact of  
8 statutory provisions and current administrative policies on prison and  
9 jail overcrowding and recommend legislation to the Governor and the  
10 General Assembly; (3) annually prepare and distribute a  
11 comprehensive state criminal justice plan for preventing prison and jail  
12 overcrowding which shall include, but not be limited to, the number of  
13 persons currently involved in pretrial and postsentencing options  
14 predominantly provided through community-based agencies which

15 minimize the number of persons requiring incarceration consistent  
16 with protection of public safety, including mediation, restitution,  
17 supervisory release and community service plans and the impact on  
18 prison populations, local communities and court caseloads. The  
19 commission shall take into account any state plans in the related areas  
20 of mental health and drug and alcohol abuse in the development of  
21 such plan. The commission shall take into account the report of the  
22 findings and recommendations of the Alternatives to Incarceration  
23 Advisory Committee established under section 158 of [this act] public  
24 act 03-6 of the June 30 special session in the development of the plan.  
25 The plan shall be submitted annually to the Governor and General  
26 Assembly on or before January fifteenth; (4) research and gather  
27 relevant statistical data and other information concerning the impact of  
28 efforts to prevent prison and jail overcrowding and make such  
29 information available to criminal justice agencies and members of the  
30 General Assembly.

31 (b) The commission shall establish a subcommittee on corrections  
32 behavioral health composed of the Commissioner of Correction, the  
33 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services and a  
34 representative of The University of Connecticut Health Center having  
35 responsibility for the administration of the contract with the  
36 Department of Correction concerning the provision of health care  
37 services to inmates of the department. The subcommittee shall make  
38 recommendations to the commission concerning the provision of  
39 behavioral health services to inmates of the Department of Correction."