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Introduced by:
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**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS
COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO PRETRIAL DIVERSION AND
ALTERNATIVE SANCTIONS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2005) (a) The Court Support
2 Services Division shall conduct an ongoing, comprehensive analysis of:
3 (1) Profiles of alternative incarceration program clients, (2) service
4 needs and treatment levels of program clients, (3) program intensity
5 levels, (4) program discharge status and other predictors of recidivism,
6 (5) the baseline recidivism rate, and (6) the effectiveness of alternative
7 incarceration programs for pretrial and sentenced clients.

8 (b) The Court Support Services Division shall share data on a client
9 basis, a program basis and an aggregate basis with provider agencies
10 with which it contracts. Such data shall include, but not be limited to:

11 (1) Upon referral of a client, (A) the client identification number
12 assigned by the Case Management Information System (CMIS), (B) the
13 full client assessment as determined by the Level of Service Inventory -
14 Revised (LSI-R) and Adult Substance Abuse Survey (ASUS)

15 assessment instruments including recommended treatment level for
16 the client, and (C) the status, whether pretrial or sentenced, criminal
17 conviction and sentence of the client, including docket numbers;

18 (2) On a quarterly basis, program data including (A) utilization rate
19 and capacity, (B) satisfactory discharge rate, and (C) recidivism rate;
20 and

21 (3) On an annual basis, aggregate program data including (A)
22 utilization rate and capacity, (B) satisfactory discharge rate, (C)
23 recidivism rate, and (D) performance outcomes. Such annual aggregate
24 analysis shall combine the individual statistics of similar programs
25 such as alternative incarceration centers to enable provider agencies to
26 have a context for understanding their individual program statistics.

27 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) A request for proposals
28 issued by the Court Support Services Division for new and existing
29 alternative incarceration programs shall include comprehensive data
30 analysis including, but not limited to: (1) A profile of the target client
31 population including aggregate assessment data determined by the
32 Level of Service Inventory - Revised (LSI-R) and Adult Substance
33 Abuse Survey (ASUS) assessment instruments for such clients, (2)
34 program utilization and satisfactory discharge trends for the target
35 client population and the program category or type, (3) the baseline
36 recidivism rate, (4) predictors of rearrest among the target client
37 population, and (5) measures for identified contract performance
38 outcomes.

39 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) The Court Support
40 Services Division shall develop a three-year strategic plan for the
41 alternative incarceration system and the implementation of the
42 evidence-based program strategy. The plan shall identify objective
43 criteria and procedures for prioritizing the needs of alternative
44 incarceration program clients and system expenditures based on the
45 objectives of the alternative incarceration program and the goals of the
46 offender reentry strategy developed pursuant to section 18-81w of the

47 general statutes to (1) assist in maintaining the prison population at or
48 under the authorized bed capacity, (2) promote the successful
49 transition of offenders from incarceration to the community, (3)
50 support the rights of victims, and (4) provide public safety.

51 (b) During the strategic planning process, the division shall examine
52 areas including, but not limited to, the following: (1) The current
53 contracted capacity of the alternative incarceration program provider
54 network and the network's capacity to serve clients, (2) opportunities
55 for program expansion including locations, types of programs and
56 enhancements to existing programs, (3) client treatment levels,
57 program intensity, risk and supervision levels based on client profile
58 and baseline recidivism rates, (4) capacity of the contracted provider
59 agency network to expand current services, enhance existing services
60 and provide new services, (5) measurable objectives, and (6) resource
61 allocation.

62 (c) In examining the capacity of the contracted provider agency
63 network to expand its services, the division shall consider factors
64 including, but not limited to, the following: Municipal zoning and
65 siting issues, local taxation issues, opposition from communities in
66 which such expanded services would be provided, and the use of state
67 bonding funds for the acquisition, expansion and improvement of
68 alternative incarceration program facilities.

69 (d) Not later than January 1, 2006, the division shall submit the
70 strategic plan to the joint standing committees of the General
71 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the criminal justice
72 system and to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies in
73 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
74 Not later than January 1, 2007, January 1, 2008, and January 1, 2009, the
75 division shall submit an annual progress report on the implementation
76 of the strategic plan to said committees in accordance with the
77 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

78 (e) The strategic plan developed pursuant to this section shall be

79 used to assist the Judicial Branch and the General Assembly in
80 determining and prioritizing the expansion of the alternative
81 incarceration program and the reinvestment of existing and new
82 resources in the network of community-based treatment, vocational,
83 educational, supervision and other services and programs under the
84 offender reentry strategy developed pursuant to section 18-81w of the
85 general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the recommendations of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee concerning the organization, effectiveness and efficiency of the state's system of alternative incarceration programs.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]