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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6976

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"AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) There is established a
4 Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division within the Office of
5 Policy and Management. The division shall be under the direction of
6 an undersecretary.

7 (b) The division shall develop a plan to promote a more effective
8 and cohesive state criminal justice system and, to accomplish such
9 plan, shall:

10 (1) Conduct an in-depth analysis of the criminal justice system;

11 (2) Determine the long-range needs of the criminal justice system
12 and recommend policy priorities for the system;

13 (3) Identify critical problems in the criminal justice system and
14 recommend strategies to solve those problems;

15 (4) Assess the cost-effectiveness of the use of state and local funds in
16 the criminal justice system;

17 (5) Recommend means to improve the deterrent and rehabilitative
18 capabilities of the criminal justice system;

19 (6) Advise and assist the General Assembly in developing plans,
20 programs and proposed legislation for improving the effectiveness of
21 the criminal justice system;

22 (7) Make computations of daily costs and compare interagency costs
23 on services provided by agencies that are a part of the criminal justice
24 system;

25 (8) Make population computations for use in planning for the long-
26 range needs of the criminal justice system;

27 (9) Determine long-range information needs of the criminal justice
28 system and acquire that information;

29 (10) Cooperate with the Office of the Victim Advocate by providing
30 information and assistance to the office relating to the improvement of
31 crime victims' services;

32 (11) Serve as the liaison for the state to the United States
33 Department of Justice on criminal justice issues of interest to the state
34 and federal government relating to data, information systems and
35 research;

36 (12) Measure the success of community-based services and
37 programs in reducing recidivism; and

38 (13) Engage in other activities consistent with the responsibilities of
39 the division.

40 (c) In addition to the division's other duties under this section, the

41 division may perform any function described in subsection (b) of this
42 section to promote an effective and cohesive juvenile justice system.

43 (d) In the performance of its duties under this section, the division
44 shall collaborate with the Department of Correction, the Board of
45 Pardons and Paroles, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
46 Services and the Department of Public Safety and consult with the
47 Chief Court Administrator, the executive director of the Court Support
48 Services Division of the Judicial Branch, the Chief State's Attorney and
49 the Chief Public Defender.

50 (e) (1) At the request of the division, the Department of Correction,
51 the Board of Pardons and Paroles, the Department of Mental Health
52 and Addiction Services, the Chief Court Administrator, the executive
53 director of the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch,
54 the Chief State's Attorney and the Chief Public Defender shall provide
55 the division with information and data needed by the division to
56 perform its duties under subsection (b) of section 1 of this act.

57 (2) The division shall have access to individualized records
58 maintained by the Judicial Branch and the agencies specified in
59 subdivision (1) of this subsection as needed for research purposes. The
60 division, in collaboration with the Judicial Branch and the agencies
61 specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall develop protocols
62 to protect the privacy of such individualized records consistent with
63 state and federal law. The division shall use such individualized
64 records for statistical analyses only and shall not use such records in
65 any other manner that would disclose the identity of individuals to
66 whom the records pertain.

67 (3) Any information or data provided to the division pursuant to
68 this subsection that is confidential in accordance with state or federal
69 law shall remain confidential while in the custody of the division and
70 shall not be disclosed.

71 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The Criminal Justice Policy and
72 Planning Division within the Office of Policy and Management shall

73 develop population projections for the correctional system for
74 planning purposes and issue a report on such projections not later than
75 November first of each year.

76 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) The Criminal Justice Policy
77 and Planning Division within the Office of Policy and Management
78 shall develop a reporting system that is able to track trends and
79 outcomes related to policies designed to reduce prison overcrowding,
80 improve rehabilitation efforts and enhance reentry strategies for
81 offenders released from prison.

82 (b) The reporting system shall, at a minimum, track on a monthly
83 basis: (1) The number of admissions to prison (A) directly from courts,
84 (B) on account of parole revocation, and (C) on account of probation
85 revocation, (2) the number of releases on parole and to other forms of
86 community supervision and facilities, (3) the rate of granting parole,
87 (4) the number of probation placements and placements to probation
88 facilities, (5) the prison population, and (6) the projected prison
89 population.

90 (c) The reporting system shall, at a minimum, track on an annual
91 basis: (1) Recidivism of offenders released from prison, (2) recidivism
92 of offenders on probation, and (3) recidivism of offenders participating
93 in programs designed to reduce prison overcrowding, improve
94 rehabilitation efforts and enhance reentry strategies for offenders
95 released from prison. The division shall measure recidivism in
96 accordance with a nationally-accepted methodology.

97 (d) The reporting system shall define outcomes for major programs
98 and annually report these outcomes and delineate strategies to
99 measure outcomes when information is not yet available to measure
100 the effectiveness of particular programs.

101 (e) The division shall publish the first monthly report not later than
102 November 1, 2006.

103 (f) The division shall publish the first annual outcome report not

104 later than January 1, 2007. Such report may be included as part of the
105 report submitted under section 4 of this act.

106 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) Not later than January first of
107 each year, the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division within the
108 Office of Policy and Management shall submit a report, in accordance
109 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, and make a presentation to
110 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
111 cognizance of matters relating to criminal justice and appropriations
112 and the budgets of state agencies concerning its activities and
113 recommendations under section 1 of this act and specifying the actions
114 necessary to promote an effective and cohesive criminal justice system.
115 The report shall estimate the amount of savings inuring to the benefit
116 of the state on account of the actual prison population being less than
117 projected prior to the adoption of prison overcrowding reduction
118 policies and make recommendations as to the manner in which a
119 portion of such cost savings may be reinvested in community-based
120 services and programs and community supervision by probation and
121 parole officers in order to maintain that reduction in projected prison
122 population.

123 Sec. 5. Section 18-87j of the general statutes is repealed and the
124 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

125 There is established a Commission on Prison and Jail Overcrowding
126 which shall be within the Office of Policy and Management for
127 administrative purposes only. The commission shall consist of the
128 undersecretary of the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division
129 within the Office of Policy and Management, the Chief Court
130 Administrator, the Commissioner of Correction, the Commissioner of
131 Public Safety, the Chief State's Attorney, the Chief Public Defender, the
132 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the
133 chairperson of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, or their designees,
134 the executive director of the Court Support Services Division or other
135 designee of the Chief Court Administrator and the following members,
136 each of whom shall be appointed by the Governor: Three government

137 officials, a police chief, two persons representing offender and victim
138 services within the private community and two public members. [The
139 Governor shall appoint a chairperson from among the members of the
140 commission.] The undersecretary of the Criminal Justice Policy and
141 Planning Division shall serve as chairperson of the commission. The
142 commission shall meet at such times as it deems necessary.

143 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 18-87k of the general statutes is
144 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
145 *1, 2006*):

146 (a) The commission shall: (1) Develop and recommend policies for
147 preventing prison and jail overcrowding; (2) examine the impact of
148 statutory provisions and current administrative policies on prison and
149 jail overcrowding and recommend legislation to the Governor and the
150 General Assembly; [(3) annually prepare and distribute a
151 comprehensive state criminal justice plan for preventing prison and jail
152 overcrowding which shall include, but not be limited to, the number of
153 persons currently involved in pretrial and postsentencing options
154 predominantly provided through community-based agencies which
155 minimize the number of persons requiring incarceration consistent
156 with protection of public safety, including mediation, restitution,
157 supervisory release and community service plans and the impact on
158 prison populations, local communities and court caseloads. The
159 commission shall take into account any state plans in the related areas
160 of mental health and drug and alcohol abuse in the development of
161 such plan. The commission shall take into account the report of the
162 findings and recommendations of the Alternatives to Incarceration
163 Advisory Committee established under section 18-87m in the
164 development of the plan. The plan shall be submitted annually to the
165 Governor and General Assembly on or before January fifteenth; (4)]
166 and (3) research and gather relevant statistical data and other
167 information concerning the impact of efforts to prevent prison and jail
168 overcrowding and make such information available to criminal justice
169 agencies and members of the General Assembly."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	18-87j
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	18-87k(a)