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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION  
NOTIFICATION TO THE OFFICE OF PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY  
FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES OF INMATE SUICIDES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2 Correction, or the commissioner's designee, shall provide written  
3 notification to the director of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for  
4 Persons with Disabilities of any inmate suicide or apparent inmate  
5 suicide not later than the next business day after the date of death of  
6 such inmate. The written notification shall include, but not be limited  
7 to, the name of the inmate, the inmate identification number, the  
8 address of the correctional facility where the death occurred and any  
9 mental health status determination made with respect to such inmate  
10 by Department of Correction staff.

11 (b) The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, shall also  
12 provide to the director: (1) Subject to existing state and federal law,  
13 including, but not limited to, the Protection and Advocacy for  
14 Individuals with Mental Illness Act of 1986 and the Health Insurance  
15 Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, any Department of

16 Correction records concerning the medical and mental health status of  
17 such inmate, and (2) copies of any video recordings relating to the  
18 inmate suicide. Such records and any video recordings shall be  
19 provided by the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, to the  
20 director not later than ten business days after the date of the written  
21 notification provided pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. In  
22 addition, the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, shall  
23 furnish a copy of the department's internal investigation report  
24 concerning any inmate suicide to the director not later than five  
25 business days after the date of the completion of such report.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To ensure that timely and complete information is provided by the Department of Correction to the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities in the event of an inmate suicide.

*[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.]*