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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

**AN ACT ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT OF
THE COMMISSION ON PRISON AND JAIL OVERCROWDING.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of two million one
2 hundred eighty-six thousand two hundred forty dollars is
3 appropriated to the Judicial Department, from the General Fund, for
4 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for the purpose of expanding
5 programs that serve as alternatives to incarceration including (1)
6 expanding the jail reinterview program to include staff with expertise
7 in behavioral health issues to address mental health needs and
8 adolescent services for youthful offenders, (2) expanding the probation
9 transition program and the technical violation unit program to all
10 probation offices in the state, and (3) establishing an intensive pretrial
11 supervision track to assist the Department of Correction in reducing
12 the pretrial population currently housed in correctional facilities.

13 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of four hundred eighty-eight
14 thousand four hundred fifty dollars is appropriated to the Board of
15 Pardons and Paroles, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending
16 June 30, 2007, for the purpose of implementing an evidence-based

17 systemic approach to improving the management of offenders with
18 problem sexual behavior in the community including (1)
19 implementing a containment model approach to assess, treat and
20 supervise adult offenders with problem sexual behavior who are
21 released to parole or special parole, and (2) developing and delivering
22 a community education curriculum on offenders with problem sexual
23 behavior that will focus on explaining a containment model of
24 supervision and address the misconceptions and realities about
25 treatment, monitoring, registration and recidivism of offenders with
26 problem sexual behavior. The unexpended balance of such funds shall
27 not lapse on June 30, 2007, and shall continue to be available for
28 expenditure for such purpose during the fiscal year ending June 30,
29 2008.

30 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of two million two hundred
31 twenty-five thousand three hundred dollars is appropriated to the
32 Judicial Department, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending
33 June 30, 2007, for the purpose of expanding specialized sex offender
34 supervision units to include all offenders with problem sexual
35 behavior currently under active supervision with the division upon
36 order of the court.

37 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of two hundred fifty thousand
38 dollars is appropriated to the Board of Pardons and Paroles, from the
39 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for the purpose
40 of establishing a violation reduction and expedited review program.

41 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of ten million four hundred
42 fifty-seven thousand four hundred twenty-four dollars is appropriated
43 to the Department of Correction, from the General Fund, for the fiscal
44 year ending June 30, 2007, for the purpose of the comprehensive re-
45 entry strategy including (1) hiring twenty parole officers, two parole
46 supervisors and appropriate clerical support, (2) expanding staff for
47 essential re-entry preparation in correctional facilities including
48 certified school teachers and vocational instructors, certified
49 institutional substance abuse and other program counselors, (3)

50 expanding halfway house or other residential treatment options in the
51 community particularly for special needs populations such as young
52 offenders and offenders in need of significant mental health treatment,
53 (4) expanding community non-residential treatment options such as
54 employment services and domestic violence prevention, and (5)
55 funding the utilization of technology, such as global positioning
56 system tracking of offenders, in order to enhance public safety and
57 offender accountability.

58 Sec. 6. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of three hundred twenty-four
59 thousand four hundred three dollars is appropriated to the
60 Department of Social Services, from the General Fund, for the fiscal
61 year ending June 30, 2007, for the purpose of continuing the
62 collaborative efforts between the Department of Social Services and the
63 Department of Correction to increase the accessibility of social
64 supports to offenders being released from incarceration including (1)
65 hiring an additional social worker to insure that offenders with serious
66 psychiatric disabilities or co-occurring mental health and substance
67 abuse disorders are able to obtain the necessary medical services
68 immediately upon release, (2) utilizing community action agencies to
69 support discharge planning for women enabling their connection to
70 customized, stabilizing community supports, and (3) contracting for
71 the evaluation of best practices, the impact on recidivism and client
72 outcomes.

73 Sec. 7. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of three million one hundred
74 twenty-five thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of
75 Mental Health and Addiction Services, from the General Fund, for the
76 fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for the purpose of supporting and
77 expanding comprehensive strategies for accused and convicted
78 offenders with substance abuse treatment needs including (1)
79 allocating state funds for the transitional case management program in
80 Hartford and Waterbury and expanding such program to New Haven
81 and Bridgeport to promote successful re-entry and reduce recidivism
82 of offenders with substance abuse disorders being released into the

83 community, (2) allocating state funds to establish enhanced cocaine
84 and methamphetamine sobering centers in Hartford, New Haven and
85 Bridgeport, (3) establishing a cross-agency workgroup consisting of the
86 Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Correction,
87 Social Services and Children and Families to develop a plan to
88 incorporate the use of buprenorphine in adolescent and adult
89 community-based and correctional facility-based programs that treat
90 opiate dependence, (4) maintaining existing levels of staffing that are
91 currently funded through the federal residential substance abuse
92 treatment grant and that provide substance abuse treatment
93 programming for inmates at four correctional facilities, and (5)
94 allocating state funds to support workforce development strategies
95 through the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to
96 expand a culturally diverse workforce and thereby assure maximum
97 access, effective treatment and sustained outcomes for persons of color,
98 Latino/Hispanic origin, Asian Americans and other minorities who
99 need services for mental health or substance abuse disorders, or both.

100 Sec. 8. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of five million seven hundred
101 ten thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Mental
102 Health and Addiction Services, from the General Fund, for the fiscal
103 year ending June 30, 2007, for the purpose of sustaining and expanding
104 the array of options for accused and convicted offenders who have
105 significant psychiatric disabilities or co-occurring mental health and
106 substance abuse disorders including (1) continuing the ongoing work
107 on the establishment of a mental health alternative to incarceration
108 center that will allow individuals who require a heightened level of
109 custodial supervision and present with significant psychiatric
110 disabilities or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse
111 disorders the opportunity to access residential and day reporting
112 alternative incarceration center services, (2) establishing mental health
113 day reporting centers in Hartford, Waterbury, New Haven and
114 Bridgeport, (3) allocating state funds for existing crisis intervention
115 teams in the Hartford, Waterbury, New London/Norwich and New
116 Haven areas and identifying funding for the expansion of such teams

117 to other communities, (4) allocating state funds for specialized
118 women's treatment and support diversion programs in Hartford and
119 Bristol/New Britain that are currently supported by federal grants and
120 expanding these programs to New Haven, (5) sustaining a
121 comprehensive array of case management options for offenders with
122 significant psychiatric disabilities or co-occurring mental health and
123 substance abuse disorders who are nearing release from the
124 Department of Correction in order to promote successful re-entry and
125 reduce recidivism, and (6) reviewing current programming and
126 services and identifying obstacles and limitations to accessing
127 alternatives to incarceration for persons with psychiatric disabilities or
128 co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders.

129 Sec. 9. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of five hundred thousand
130 dollars is appropriated to the Judicial Department, from the General
131 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for the purpose of
132 employing specially trained or clinically licensed professionals to
133 provide community supervision to offenders with psychiatric
134 disabilities and assist with psychiatric treatment imposed as a
135 condition of probation.

136 Sec. 10. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of three hundred thousand
137 dollars is appropriated to the Board of Pardons and Paroles, from the
138 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for the purpose
139 of employing specially trained or clinically licensed professionals to
140 provide community supervision to offenders with psychiatric
141 disabilities and assist with psychiatric treatment imposed as a
142 condition of parole.

143 Sec. 11. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of one hundred seven
144 thousand nine hundred dollars is appropriated to the Board of
145 Pardons and Paroles, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending
146 June 30, 2007, for the purpose of expanding comprehensive discharge
147 planning services for individuals with psychiatric disabilities or co-
148 occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders.

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>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

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