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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPLOYMENT OF CANINE TEAMS
OUTSIDE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PROPERTY.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes of
2 this section:

3 (1) "Canine" means a dog trained to assist staff in security, control,
4 contraband detecting and tracking;

5 (2) "Canine handler" means a trained correctional employee
6 responsible for a canine; and

7 (3) "Canine team" means a canine handler with an assigned canine.

8 (b) No canine team may be deployed by the Department of
9 Correction outside the property comprising a correctional facility for
10 the purpose of assisting local, state or federal law enforcement
11 agencies in criminal law enforcement activities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that correctional employees who handle canines are not assigned to participate in criminal law enforcement activities outside correctional facilities for which they are not suitably trained.

[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.]