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House Bill No. 6684
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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CORRECTIONAL STAFF HEALTH AND
SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY
ADVISORY COMMISSION.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 18-87k of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3 (a) The Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission shall: (1)
4 Develop and recommend policies for preventing prison and jail
5 overcrowding; (2) examine the impact of statutory provisions and
6 current administrative policies on prison and jail overcrowding and
7 recommend legislation to the Governor and the General Assembly; (3)
8 research and gather relevant statistical data and other information
9 concerning the impact of efforts to prevent prison and jail
10 overcrowding and make such information available to criminal justice
11 agencies and members of the General Assembly; (4) advise the
12 undersecretary of the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division on
13 policies and procedures to promote more effective and cohesive state
14 criminal justice and juvenile justice systems and to develop and

15 implement the offender reentry strategy as provided in section 18-81w;
16 (5) monitor developments throughout the state's criminal justice
17 system and, not later than February 15, 2009, and annually thereafter,
18 report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the effectiveness
19 of the state's reentry strategy, outcomes achieved under the reentry
20 strategy and the level of integration and coordination of the
21 information technology systems used by the criminal justice agencies
22 and other system-wide issues identified by the commission; (6) not
23 later than February 15, 2009, and annually thereafter, sponsor for all
24 members of the criminal justice community a full-day review of the
25 criminal justice system in the state including progress that has been
26 made within the past year and challenges to be met, which review
27 shall be facilitated by the undersecretary of the Criminal Justice Policy
28 and Planning Division; (7) identify specific needs for reentry services
29 in geographic areas throughout the state; (8) identify institution-based
30 and community-based programs and services that effectively address
31 offender needs and reduce recidivism including, but not limited to,
32 education and training, employment preparation and job bank,
33 transitional health care, family support, substance abuse, domestic
34 violence and sexual offender programs and services; (9) develop a
35 guide to best practices in the provision of reentry services; (10) develop
36 and annually update a plan to ensure the availability of reentry
37 services, which plan may include establishment of community reentry
38 centers; and (11) assist the undersecretary of the Criminal Justice
39 Policy and Planning Division in developing the recommendations
40 included in the report and presentation made by the division pursuant
41 to section 4-68p.

42 (b) The commission shall establish a subcommittee on corrections
43 behavioral health composed of the Commissioner of Correction, the
44 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services and a
45 representative of The University of Connecticut Health Center having
46 responsibility for the administration of the contract with the
47 Department of Correction concerning the provision of health care
48 services to inmates of the department. The subcommittee shall make

49 recommendations to the commission concerning the provision of
50 behavioral health services to inmates of the Department of Correction.

51 (c) The commission shall establish a subcommittee on correctional
52 staff health and safety composed of the Commissioner of Correction,
53 the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Commissioner of Mental
54 Health and Addiction Services, or their designees, eight persons
55 appointed one each by the chairpersons and ranking members of the
56 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
57 of matters relating to the judiciary and public safety, one
58 representative from each of the three local chapters of labor
59 organizations representing correction officers appointed by such local
60 chapter and one representative from each of the labor organizations
61 representing hazardous duty staff of the Department of Correction
62 appointed by such labor organization. The subcommittee shall review
63 the policies and procedures of the Department of Correction with
64 respect to staff health and safety including, but not limited to, the
65 manner in which: (1) Inmate assaults are investigated, classified and
66 assigned points, (2) data on inmate assaults is collected and compiled,
67 and (3) data on inmate assaults is reported to persons and agencies
68 outside the department. The subcommittee shall submit any
69 recommendations it may have to the commission concerning revisions
70 to such policies and procedures.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	18-87k

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Cost	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission to establish a subcommittee on correctional staff health and safety to be composed of various agency personnel. To the extent that any of these state employees seek mileage reimbursement for their involvement in this subcommittee, minimal costs could result.

House "A" altered the membership of the subcommittee but did not alter the fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6684 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CORRECTIONAL STAFF HEALTH AND SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission to establish a subcommittee on correctional staff health and safety. It must be composed of the (1) commissioners of correction, public safety, and mental health and addiction services, or their designees; (2) eight persons appointed one each by the chairpersons and ranking members of the Judiciary and Public Safety and Security committees; (3) one representative from each of the three local chapters of labor organizations representing correction officers, appointed by the local chapter; and (4) one representative from each of the labor organizations representing hazardous duty staff of the Department of Correction (DOC), appointed by the labor organization.

The bill requires the subcommittee to review DOC's policies and procedures on staff health and safety. The review must include the manner in which:

1. inmate assaults are investigated, classified, and assigned points;
2. data on inmate assaults is collected and compiled; and
3. data on inmate assaults is reported to people and agencies outside the department.

The bill requires the subcommittee to submit any recommendations

it may have to the commission concerning revisions to policies and procedures.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2009

*House Amendment "A" alters the membership of the health and safety subcommittee.

BACKGROUND

Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission

The commission (1) develops and recommends policies to prevent prison overcrowding, (2) examines the impact of statutes and administrative policies on overcrowding and recommends legislation, (3) researches and gathers data and information on efforts to prevent overcrowding and makes it available to criminal justice agencies and legislators, (4) advises the Criminal Justice Policy Planning Division (CJPPD) undersecretary on policies and procedures to promote more effective and cohesive criminal and juvenile justice systems and develop and implement the reentry strategy, and (5) assists the undersecretary in developing recommendations in reports and presentations.

The commission consists of the CJPPD undersecretary, chief court administrator; commissioners of correction, public safety, mental health and addiction services; chief state's attorney; chief public defender; Board of Pardons and Paroles chairman; Court Support Services Division executive director; eight members appointed by the governor including a police chief, representatives of offender and victim services, and government and public members; the labor and social services commissioners who can deliberate and vote only on matters concerning employment and entitlement programs available to adult and juvenile offenders reentering the community; and the children and families and education commissioners who can deliberate and vote only on juvenile justice matters.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 39 Nay 0 (03/27/2009)