



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 673

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Substitute House Bill No. 6685

House of Representatives, April 16, 2009

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. LAWLOR of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF INMATE POPULATION DENSITY AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITY SPECIFIC DATA.

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

1 Section 1. Section 18-81t of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 (a) Not later than thirty days after the close of the first calendar
4 quarter of the fiscal year ending June 30, [2005] 2009, and not later than
5 thirty days after the close of each calendar quarter of each fiscal year
6 thereafter, the Commissioner of Correction shall submit, to the
7 Governor and to the joint standing committees of the General
8 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and
9 labor and public employees, a report containing: [the number of: (1)
10 Inmate] (1) The number of disciplinary reports for each correctional
11 facility filed during such calendar quarter; (2) the number of inmate
12 assaults on custodial staff reported for each correctional facility during
13 such calendar quarter; (3) the number of inmate assaults on other
14 inmates reported for each correctional facility during such calendar

15 quarter; [and] (4) the number of workers' compensation claims filed by
 16 custodial staff for each correctional facility during such calendar
 17 quarter; (5) the average number of inmates for each correctional facility
 18 during such calendar quarter; (6) the average number of permanent
 19 beds for each correctional facility during such calendar quarter; and (7)
 20 the inmate population density for each correctional facility during such
 21 calendar quarter. Said committees may hold a public hearing on any
 22 such report.

23 (b) If, during any calendar quarter, (1) the number of disciplinary
 24 reports, assaults or workers' compensation claims reported in
 25 accordance with subsection (a) of this section has increased by more
 26 than five per cent from the number of such disciplinary reports,
 27 assaults or workers' compensation claims reported for the preceding
 28 calendar quarter or for the same calendar quarter of the preceding
 29 fiscal year, or (2) the inmate population density for a correctional
 30 facility reported in accordance with subsection (a) of this section has
 31 increased by more than ten per cent from the inmate population
 32 density reported for the preceding calendar quarter or for the same
 33 calendar quarter of the preceding fiscal year, the commissioner shall
 34 include in the report submitted in accordance with subsection (a) of
 35 this section an explanation for such increase and a general description
 36 of the measures to be taken by the Department of Correction to
 37 address such increase.

38 (c) For the purposes of this section, "inmate population density"
 39 means the average number of inmates for a correctional facility
 40 divided by the average number of permanent beds for such
 41 correctional facility.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2009	18-81t
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JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Correction to report additional information on inmate assaults and statistics and does not result in a fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF INMATE
POPULATION DENSITY AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
SPECIFIC DATA.***

SUMMARY:

The law requires the Department of Correction (DOC) commissioner to submit to the governor and the Judiciary and Labor committees, quarterly reports containing information about inmate assaults on staff and other inmates, inmate disciplinary reports, and workers' compensation claims for the quarter specified in the report. This bill requires that the reports provide the required information for each correctional facility, instead of the system as a whole. In addition, the bill requires the reports to include, for each facility and each calendar quarter, the:

1. average number of inmates,
2. average number of permanent beds, and
3. inmate population density.

The bill requires that if, during any calendar quarter, the inmate population density for a correctional facility increased by more than 10% above what was reported for the preceding calendar quarter or for the same calendar quarter of the preceding fiscal year, the commissioner must include in the report submitted an explanation for the increase and a general description of the measures DOC will take to address the increase. The law imposes the same requirement if disciplinary reports, assaults, or workers' compensation claims increased by more than five per cent from the number of the preceding calendar quarter or for the same calendar quarter of the preceding

fiscal year.

The bill specifies that “inmate population density” means the average number of inmates for a correctional facility divided by the average number of permanent beds for such correctional facility.

The changes the bill makes apply to the first calendar quarter of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, and each subsequent calendar quarter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 38 Nay 0 (03/27/2009)