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Introduced by:
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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 Section 18-87k of the general statutes is repealed and the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, the Commissioner of Mental
54 Health and Addiction Services and the chairpersons and ranking
55 members of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
56 having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and public
57 safety, or their designees, and one representative from each of the
58 three labor organizations representing correction officers. The
59 subcommittee shall review the policies and procedures of the
60 Department of Correction with respect to staff health and safety
61 including, but not limited to, the manner in which: (1) Inmate assaults
62 are investigated, classified and assigned points, (2) data on inmate
63 assaults is collected and compiled, and (3) data on inmate assaults is
64 reported to persons and agencies outside the department. The
65 subcommittee shall submit any recommendations it may have to the
66 commission concerning revisions 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

Statement of Purpose:

To adopt a recommendation of the Prison Population and Correctional Staff Safety Task Force.

[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.]