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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

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 Section 18-81t of the general statutes is repealed and the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, and not later than thirty
5 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 has increased by more than five per cent from the inmate
31 population density reported for the preceding calendar quarter or for
32 the same calendar quarter of the preceding fiscal year, the
33 commissioner shall include in the report submitted in accordance with
34 subsection (a) of this section an explanation for such increase and a
35 general description of the measures to be taken by the Department of
36 Correction to address such increase.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2009	18-81t

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.]