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Committee Bill No. 639

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR
MEDICAL DIRECTORS OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.**

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

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 Section 18-81p of the general statutes is repealed and the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

3 [The Commissioner of Correction, in consultation with the
4 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Judicial
5 Department, shall review, evaluate and make recommendations
6 concerning substance abuse detoxification and treatment programs for
7 drug-dependent pretrial and sentenced inmates of correctional
8 facilities and the reintegration of such inmates into the community.
9 The commissioner shall examine various options for the detoxification
10 and treatment of drug-dependent inmates including, but not limited
11 to, methadone maintenance treatment and other therapies or
12 treatments, and the reintegration of drug-dependent inmates into the
13 community upon their release from incarceration, including the
14 transfer of inmates to community-based methadone or other therapy
15 or treatment programs. The commissioner shall report his findings and
16 recommendations and submit a proposal for detoxification, treatment

17 and reintegration programs including, if appropriate, the
 18 establishment of one or more pilot programs for methadone
 19 maintenance or other therapy or treatment for drug-dependent
 20 inmates to the General Assembly not later than February 1, 1998.] The
 21 Commissioner of Correction shall ensure that any physician employed
 22 by, or under contract with, the Department of Correction to provide
 23 substance abuse treatment services to inmates has professional
 24 certification or training in at least one of the following areas: (1)
 25 Subspecialty board certification in addiction psychiatry from the
 26 American Board of Medical Specialties; (2) addiction certification from
 27 the American Society of Addiction Medicine; (3) subspecialty board
 28 certification in addiction medicine from the American Osteopathic
 29 Association; or (4) not less than eight hours of training in the treatment
 30 of opioid-addicted persons, sponsored by an organization authorized
 31 to provide such training in accordance with Public Law 106-310, the
 32 Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000, as amended from time to time.
 33 Any physician employed by, or under contract with the Department of
 34 Correction to provide substance abuse treatment services to inmates,
 35 who on October 1, 2009, has not obtained the certification or training
 36 required by the provisions of this section, shall obtain such
 37 certification or training by April 1, 2010.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2009</i> | 18-81p |

Statement of Purpose:

To require the medical directors of correctional facilities to have adequate training in the medical treatment of addiction.

[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.]

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