



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 572

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Senate Bill No. 1180

Senate, April 18, 2011

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. COLEMAN of the 2nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PRISON LIBRARY STANDARDS.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) The Commissioner of
- 2 Correction shall review the guidelines of the Federal Bureau of Prisons
- 3 concerning prison library collections and shall develop administrative
- 4 directives concerning the content of library collections in state
- 5 correctional facilities in accordance with such guidelines.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2011</i> | New section |
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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The Department of Correction will incur no costs to review library guidelines and develop administrative directives as required by the bill.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 1180*****AN ACT CONCERNING PRISON LIBRARY STANDARDS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Correction commissioner to (1) review the Federal Bureau of Prisons' guidelines for prison library collections and (2) develop administrative directives for the contents of prison libraries according to these guidelines.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

BACKGROUND***Federal Bureau of Prisons Program Statements***

The Federal Bureau of Prisons' program statements require its institutions to provide a full range of library services according to inmate needs, budgets, and security concerns. Someone in each facility, usually the education supervisor or his or her designee, is responsible for coordinating and supervising library services. The library must offer a variety of reading materials including periodicals, newspapers, fiction, non-fiction, and reference books. The education supervisor must develop written guidelines to set principles, purposes, and criteria for selecting and maintaining library materials. Libraries may accept free books, periodicals, technical assistance, and circulating services according to rules on accepting donations (Program Statement 1542.06).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 38 Nay 3 (03/30/2011)