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LCO No. 4416



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CHILD NURSERY FACILITY AT THE CONNECTICUT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, NIAN TIC.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) The Commissioner of
2 Correction shall establish, within available appropriations, a nursery
3 facility at the Connecticut Correctional Institution, Niantic, for the
4 placement of infants born to women who are being detained at the
5 Connecticut Correctional Institution, Niantic, while awaiting
6 disposition of pending charges, or while committed to the
7 Commissioner of Correction for a term of eighteen months or less, in
8 order that such infant may be placed at the institution where such
9 infant was delivered. The commissioner may establish eligibility
10 criteria for placement of an infant in the nursery facility, which may
11 include, but need not be limited to, criteria that limit eligibility to
12 mothers who comply with any program, education, counseling or
13 other participation requirements established by the commissioner.

14 Sec. 2. Section 18-69 of the general statutes is repealed and the
15 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

16 The warden of the Connecticut Correctional Institution, Niantic,
 17 subject to the approval of the commissioner, shall establish regulations
 18 in cooperation with the Department of Children and Families to
 19 provide for the [placing] placement of [children] infants born to
 20 inmates of the Connecticut Correctional Institution, Niantic, in order
 21 that an infant shall not be maintained at said institution beyond (1) the
 22 planning period for placement which is not to exceed sixty calendar
 23 days, or (2) a period not to exceed eighteen months as provided in
 24 section 1 of this act, if applicable. [In any instance where] If the mother
 25 of the infant objects in writing to the warden of [said] the institution as
 26 to such placement, the Department of Children and Families shall
 27 provide for an administrative review of the placement action.

28 Sec. 3. Section 18-69a of the general statutes is repealed and the
 29 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

30 The warden of the Connecticut Correctional Institution, Niantic,
 31 subject to the same conditions as provided in section 18-69, as
 32 amended by this act, and the provisions of section 1 of this act, shall
 33 establish regulations in cooperation with the Department of Children
 34 and Families to provide for the [placing] placement of [children]
 35 infants born to women who are being detained at the Connecticut
 36 Correctional Institution, Niantic, while awaiting disposition of
 37 pending charges, or [have been] while committed to the Commissioner
 38 of Correction for a term of [one year] eighteen months or less, with
 39 respect to any period during which such infant is not placed in the
 40 nursery facility at the Connecticut Correctional Institution, Niantic,
 41 pursuant to section 1 of this act, in order that [an] such infant may be
 42 placed directly from the facility where such infant was delivered.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	18-69
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	18-69a

JUD *Joint Favorable*