



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 152**

January Session, 2015

Substitute Senate Bill No. 878

*Senate, March 23, 2015*

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. OSTEN of the 19th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REQUIRING COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION OF NEW RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES FOR OFFENDERS.***

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) The Commissioner of  
2 Correction, or the commissioner's designee, shall provide written  
3 notice to the chief elected official and chief executive officer of any  
4 municipality not less than thirty days prior to entering into an  
5 agreement between the Department of Correction and a provider  
6 operating a halfway house or other community residence to which the  
7 commissioner may release inmates, concerning the placement of such  
8 halfway house or other community residence in such municipality.

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section
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*PD Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

There is no fiscal impact associated with requiring the Department of Correction to notify communities of the intent to open a community residence facility before the agency enters into an agreement.

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

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 878*****AN ACT REQUIRING COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION OF NEW RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES FOR OFFENDERS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Correction (DOC) to notify certain municipal officials before placing a community residence for released inmates in the municipality.

Under the bill, the correction commissioner, or his designee, must provide written notice to the municipality's chief elected official and chief executive officer about DOC's plans to place a community residence (e.g., halfway house) for released inmates in the municipality. He must provide the notice at least 30 days before DOC enters into an agreement with the facility's operator.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2015

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/06/2015)