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To: Subst. House Bill No. 7302

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING ISOLATED CONFINEMENT AND
CORRECTIONAL STAFF TRAINING AND WELLNESS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2018*) (a) As used in this
4 section:

5 (1) "Administrative segregation status" means the Department of
6 Correction's practice of placing an inmate on restrictive housing status
7 following a determination that such inmate can no longer be safely
8 managed within the general inmate population of the correctional
9 facility; and

10 (2) "Restrictive housing status" means the designation of an inmate
11 by the Department of Correction that provides for closely regulated
12 management and separation of such inmate from other inmates.

13 (b) The Department of Correction shall publish on its Internet web
14 site the formula for calculating an inmate's mental health score and a
15 description of any form and phase of housing employed at any of its
16 correctional facilities for inmates on restrictive housing status.

17 (c) The Department of Correction shall at least annually submit to
18 the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division established under
19 section 4-68m of the general statutes a report containing as aggregated
20 and anonymized the following data:

21 (1) The number of inmates on restrictive housing status in this
22 state's correctional facilities, as of the first day of each of the twelve
23 months preceding the date of the submission of the report. The
24 department shall report and disaggregate such data based on an
25 inmate's age, gender identity, ethnicity, mental health score as
26 calculated by the department, if any, and the form and phase of
27 housing in which such inmate is held on restrictive housing status;

28 (2) The number of inmates on administrative segregation status who
29 have spent the following cumulative durations of time on
30 administrative segregation status:

31 (A) One to fifteen days;

32 (B) Sixteen to thirty days;

33 (C) Thirty-one to one hundred eighty days;

34 (D) One hundred eighty-one to three hundred sixty-five days;

35 (E) Three hundred sixty-six to seven hundred thirty days;

36 (F) Seven hundred thirty-one to one thousand ninety-five days;

37 (G) One thousand ninety-six to one thousand four hundred sixty
38 days;

39 (H) One thousand four hundred sixty-one to one thousand eight

40 hundred twenty-five days;

41 (I) One thousand eight hundred twenty-six to two thousand one
42 hundred ninety days;

43 (J) Two thousand one hundred ninety-one to two thousand five
44 hundred fifty-five days;

45 (K) Two thousand five hundred fifty-six to two thousand nine
46 hundred twenty days;

47 (L) Two thousand nine hundred twenty-one to three thousand two
48 hundred eighty-five days;

49 (M) Three thousand two hundred eighty-six to three thousand six
50 hundred fifty days; and

51 (N) More than three thousand six hundred fifty days;

52 (3) For each correctional facility, the number of inmates who, during
53 the twelve months preceding the date of the submission of the report,
54 spent more than fifteen days, cumulative, on administrative
55 segregation status. The department shall report and disaggregate such
56 data based on an inmate's age, gender identity, ethnicity, mental health
57 score as calculated by the department, if any, and the form and phase
58 of restricted housing in which such inmate is held; and

59 (4) Actions taken by the department during the twelve months
60 preceding the date of the submission of the report to minimize reliance
61 on administrative segregation status and to mitigate the harmful
62 effects of administrative segregation status on inmates, staff and the
63 public.

64 (d) The department shall not hold any person under eighteen years
65 of age on administrative segregation status.

66 (e) Not later than January 1, 2019, the Commissioner of Correction
67 shall study and submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of

68 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
69 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
70 judiciary regarding the use and oversight of all forms and phases of
71 housing for inmates on restrictive housing status.

72 (f) The provisions of subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section
73 do not apply to any inmate described in subsection (a) of section 18-
74 10b of the general statutes.

75 (g) Within available appropriations, the Department of Correction
76 shall provide training to employees of the department who interact
77 with inmates concerning the following:

78 (1) The recognition of symptoms of mental illness;

79 (2) The potential risks and side effects of psychiatric medications;

80 (3) De-escalation techniques for safely managing individuals with
81 mental illness;

82 (4) Consequences of untreated mental illness;

83 (5) The long and short-term psychological effects of being on
84 administrative segregation status; and

85 (6) De-escalation and communication techniques to divert inmates
86 from situations that may lead to the inmate being placed on
87 administrative segregation status.

88 (h) Within available appropriations, the Department of Correction
89 shall take measures to promote the wellness of employees of the
90 department who interact with inmates. These measures may include,
91 but need not be limited to:

92 (1) Employee assistance programs;

93 (2) Peer support programs; and

94 (3) Stress management training."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2018	New section