
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 7217 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT REPEALING OBSOLETE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION STATUTES.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Correction (DOC) commissioner to provide inmates who self-identify as suffering from or relapsing into an opioid use disorder with information on opioid use disorder treatment options. The information must (1) be provided at least 45 days before the inmate is released from DOC custody, including release subject to parole or to a supervised community setting (e.g., a halfway house), and (2) include ways to access treatment options after being released into the community.

The bill also repeals obsolete DOC statutes on (1) employing prisoners sentenced to death, (2) the Enfield Medium Correctional Institution (the facility closed on January 23, 2018), and (3) a pilot program to use a debit account system for inmate phone calls.

*House Amendment "A" adds the requirement that the commissioner provide information about opioid disorder treatment options to certain inmates before they are released from custody.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019, except the repeal of obsolete DOC statutes is effective upon passage.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 38 Nay 0 (03/20/2019)