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Substitute House Bill No. 7217
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 28, 2019

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE RELEASE OF INMATES SUFFERING
FROM OPIOID USE DISORDER AND REPEALING OBSOLETE
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION STATUTES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) Not later than forty-five
2 days before the scheduled release of an inmate from the custody of the
3 Commissioner of Correction, including release subject to parole or
4 supervised community setting, the commissioner shall provide each
5 inmate who identifies himself or herself as suffering from opioid use
6 disorder or relapsing into an opioid use disorder, information
7 regarding opioid use disorder treatment options, including
8 information on how to access such options after being released into the
9 community.

10 Sec. 2. Sections 18-10a, 18-14a and 18-81s of the general statutes are
11 repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill removes obsolete Department of Correction statutes and requires the Department of Correction to provide information regarding opioid use disorder treatment options to applicable inmates upon release, resulting in no cost to the state.

House "A" requires the Department of Correction to provide information regarding opioid use disorder treatment options to applicable inmates upon release, and results in no cost to the state.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

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)