



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6546

LCO No. 3621



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE PREVALENCE OF THE HEPATITIS C VIRUS IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND FACILITIES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2019*) The Department of Correction, in
2 collaboration with the Department of Public Health, the Insurance
3 Department and the Comptroller, shall study the prevalence of
4 inmates in correctional institutions and facilities with the hepatitis C
5 virus. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, the
6 screening of inmates for the hepatitis C virus, feasibility of treatment of
7 inmates who test positive for the virus, health outcomes of such
8 inmates and the cost of and insurance coverage for such treatment. Not
9 later than January 1, 2020, the Commissioner of Correction shall report,
10 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
11 statutes, regarding the findings of such study.

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require a study of the prevalence of the hepatitis C virus in correctional institutions and facilities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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