AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO A MUNICIPALITY THAT PROVIDES AMBULANCE SERVICES ON BEHALF OF A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

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

Section 1. Section 18-52a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(a) Any person committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction who is confined in a correctional facility and requires hospitalization for medical care may be transferred by the department to any hospital having facilities for such care. If such person is covered by a health insurance policy, as defined in section 38a-469, and such policy provides coverage for such hospitalization or medical care, such person shall be liable to the hospital for all covered expenses, and (1) such person shall arrange to have the carrier pay the amount of covered expenses to the hospital, or (2) if such policy indemnifies the covered person for costs incurred, such person shall pay the hospital for covered expenses. Each carrier shall provide benefits for covered expenses without regard to whether a person is committed to the
custody of the Commissioner of Correction. If such person is not
covered by a health insurance policy, the department shall reimburse
the receiving hospital at a rate not to exceed that established under the
provisions of section 17b-239. As used in this section, "carrier" means
any insurance company, hospital service corporation, medical service
corporation, health care center, fraternal benefit society or other entity
which delivers, issues for delivery or renews a health insurance policy
in this state.

(b) The Commissioner of Correction shall revise the payment
methodology for ambulance services provided by a municipality on
behalf of a person who is confined in a correctional facility and
requires transfer to a hospital for medical care. If such person is not
covered by a health insurance policy, the department shall reimburse
the municipality for ambulance services at the same rate that
department is contractually obligated to pay to nonmunicipal
providers of ambulance services.

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

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**Statement of Purpose:**
To ensure that the Department of Correction provides adequate
payment to a municipality for ambulance services that are provided by
the municipality on behalf of a correctional facility.

[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.]