OLR Bill Analysis
SB 1109

AN ACT CONCERNING SOLITARY CONFINEMENT.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits the Department of Correction (DOC) from holding any person in administrative segregation status or restricted housing status. Current law prohibits administrative segregation for people under age 18.

The bill also eliminates a requirement that DOC annually submit certain data on the use of administrative segregation and restrictive housing status in the state’s correctional facilities to the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division. Under the bill, DOC must submit its final report by November 1, 2019, and include data for the period since the prior report to the division.

Lastly, the bill repeals a provision that required the DOC commissioner to report to the Judiciary Committee by January 1, 2019, on the housing for inmates on restrictive housing status.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

BACKGROUND

Administrative Segregation and Restrictive Housing Status

By law, “administrative segregation status” is DOC’s practice of placing an inmate on restrictive housing status following a determination that he or she can no longer be safely managed in the general inmate population.

“Restrictive housing status” is DOC’s inmate designation that provides for closely managing and separating the inmate from other inmates (CGS § 18-96b(a)).
Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 32  Nay 8  (04/09/2019)