



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5129

LCO No. 931



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A TRANSITION PROGRAM FOR
INCARCERATED PERSONS BEING RELEASED FROM PRISON.**

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2020*) The Commissioner of
2 Correction, in consultation with the Commissioner of Housing, shall,
3 within available resources, establish a transition program to ensure that
4 incarcerated persons obtain housing prior to their release from prison.
5 Such program shall include, but need not be limited to, providing
6 incarcerated persons, at least six months prior to their release from
7 confinement, with (1) a mental health assessment, and (2) access to the
8 United Way of Connecticut 2-1-1 Infoline program for assistance with
9 obtaining housing.

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Departments of Correction and Housing to establish a transition program to ensure that incarcerated persons obtain housing prior to their release from prison.

[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.]