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AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE CORRECTION OMBUDS, THE USE OF ISOLATED CONFINEMENT, SECLUSION AND RESTRAINTS, SOCIAL CONTACTS FOR INCARCERATED PERSONS AND TRAINING AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS FOR CORRECTION OFFICERS.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

See Fiscal Note Details

The amendment makes various changes resulting in the elimination of the revenue loss in the underlying bill and a reduction to the cost and potential cost to the Department of Correction (DOC), described below.

- The amendment removes the requirement that each inmate receives two free sixty-minute phone calls per week which removes the \$7.8 million revenue loss to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Judicial Department, and the DOC. This also reduces the annual cost to the DOC by \$5.7 million.
- The amendment removes the requirement that the DOC provides free writing and postage supplies to inmates which reduces the cost to DOC in the underlying bill by \$400,000 per year.
- The amendment removes the requirement that physician and therapist evaluations occur before an inmate is placed in

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isolation and allows examinations to be conducted within 24 hours which reduces the potential cost to the DOC in the underlying bill. Physicians and therapists typically work first-shift, Monday-Friday at DOC facilities and are on-call all other times.

- The amendment also makes various technical changes which result in no fiscal impact to the state.

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