



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 458

LCO No. 3479



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE USE
DISORDER SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO
INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INCARCERATED.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 18-81p of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Commissioner of Correction, in consultation with the
4 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Secretary of
5 the Office of Policy and Management and the Judicial Department, shall
6 annually review, evaluate and make recommendations concerning
7 [substance abuse detoxification and treatment programs for drug-
8 dependent pretrial and sentenced inmates of correctional facilities and]
9 (1) substance use disorder screening, diagnostic and treatment services
10 that are available to individuals who are incarcerated during the
11 entirety of any period of incarceration; (2) mental health screening,
12 diagnostic and treatment services that are available to individuals who
13 are incarcerated during the entirety of any period of incarceration; and
14 (3) the reintegration of such [inmates] individuals into the community.

15 [The commissioner shall examine various options for the detoxification
16 and treatment of drug-dependent inmates including, but not limited to,
17 methadone maintenance treatment and other therapies or treatments,
18 and the reintegration of drug-dependent inmates into the community
19 upon their release from incarceration, including the transfer of inmates
20 to community-based methadone or other therapy or treatment
21 programs. The commissioner shall report his findings and
22 recommendations and submit a proposal for detoxification, treatment
23 and reintegration programs including, if appropriate, the establishment
24 of one or more pilot programs for methadone maintenance or other
25 therapy or treatment for drug-dependent inmates to the General
26 Assembly not later than February 1, 1998.] On or before January 1, 2023,
27 and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Correction shall report on
28 such review, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the
29 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
30 of matters relating to the judiciary, public health and appropriations and
31 the budgets of state agencies.

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	18-81p
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Correction to review, evaluate, and make recommendations on the provision of substance use disorder treatment services and mental health services to individuals who are incarcerated.

[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.]