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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE OVERSIGHT OF HEALTH CARE IN
CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
HEALTH.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) Not later than January 1,
2 2024, there shall be established within the Department of Public Health
3 an Office of Oversight of Health Care in Correctional Institutions. The
4 office shall be responsible for oversight of the delivery of health care
5 services to inmates in correctional institutions, including, but not
6 limited to: (1) Ensuring that the Commissioner of Correction
7 implements the plan for the provision of health care services to inmates
8 developed pursuant to section 18-81pp of the general statutes; (2)
9 establishing guidelines for the delivery of health care services to
10 inmates; (3) conducting periodic inspections of correctional institutions
11 to ensure that the delivery of health care services to inmates is adequate
12 and safe; (4) recommending any necessary changes or improvements to
13 the delivery of health care services to inmates; (5) issuing notice to a
14 correctional institution of any failure on the part of the correctional
15 institution to deliver adequate or safe health care services; and (6)

16 ordering corrective action to a correctional institution that was issued a
17 notice pursuant to subdivision (5) of this subsection.

18 (b) Not later than January 1, 2025, the Office of Oversight of Health
19 Care in Correctional Institutions shall, in consultation with the
20 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, develop a model
21 plan setting forth requirements concerning the delivery of quality health
22 care services to inmates by the Department of Correction.

23 (c) Not later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the Office
24 of Oversight of Health Care in Correctional Institutions shall report, in
25 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
26 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
27 cognizance of matters relating to public health and the judiciary
28 regarding (1) the adequacy and safety of the delivery of health care
29 services to inmates by the Department of Correction, (2) the
30 development of the model plan pursuant to subsection (b) of this section
31 and implementation of such plan by the Department of Correction, (3)
32 the findings of each inspection of a correctional facility performed
33 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and (4) recommendations for
34 any legislation necessary to improve the delivery of quality health care
35 services to inmates.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish an Office of Oversight of Health Care in Correctional Institutions within the Department of Public Health to ensure oversight of the delivery of health care services to inmates.

[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.]