AN ACT CONCERNING PROCEDURES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION RELATING TO STRIP SEARCHES AND THE TRANSFER OF PERSONS WHO ARE INCARCERATED BETWEEN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

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

Section 1. Section 18-81e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2023):

(a) For the purposes of this section, "victim" includes the legal representative of the victim or a member of the deceased victim's immediate family.

(b) Upon the release of any person from a correctional facility, whether at the scheduled termination date of a determinate sentence or prior to such date on account of the transfer of such person to a public or private nonprofit halfway house, group home or mental health facility or approved community residence pursuant to section 18-100, the reduction of such sentence due to good conduct and obedience to rules or receipt of an outstandingly meritorious performance award, or any other early release provision, the Commissioner of Correction or
[his] the commissioner's designee shall notify any victim of the crime for which such person is incarcerated of such person's release if such victim has requested notification and provided the commissioner with a current address.

(c) Upon the transfer of any person from a correctional facility to another correctional facility that has a lower security level classification, the Commissioner of Correction or the commissioner's designee shall notify any victim of the crime for which such person is incarcerated of such person's transfer to a correctional facility with a lower security level classification if such victim has requested notification and provided the commissioner with a current address.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2023) No person who is incarcerated shall be subject to a strip search on account of suspected concealment of contraband unless such search has been authorized by a shift commander of the facility, or the shift commander's designee, in accordance with the provisions of this section. Prior to conducting a strip search of any incarcerated person who is suspected of concealing contraband, a correction officer shall document in a form prescribed by the department the factors giving rise to such officer's probable cause belief that the person who is incarcerated is concealing contraband and should be subject to a strip search. The correction officer shall forward such form to a shift commander, or the shift commander's designee, who, after reviewing such form, may authorize a strip search of the person who is incarcerated and suspected of concealing contraband.

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

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Statement of Purpose:
To require (1) notification to a crime victim when the person who committed the crime involving the victim is transferred to a lower level correctional facility, and (2) a correctional officer to document such officer's probable cause belief that a person who is incarcerated is
concealing contraband prior to such person being subject to a strip search.

[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.]