



General Assembly

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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Public
4 Health, in collaboration with the Department of Correction, shall
5 annually evaluate the health care services provided to inmates in
6 correctional institutions in the state to assess, from a public health and a
7 corrections perspective, whether best practices utilized in the provision
8 of health care services at health care facilities are being utilized in the
9 provision of such services at correctional facilities. Not later than
10 January 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Public
11 Health shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
12 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
13 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health on such
14 evaluation.

15 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2024, the
16 Correction Ombuds appointed pursuant to section 18-81jj of the general
17 statutes shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
18 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
19 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health
20 regarding the provision of health care services to inmates of correctional
21 facilities, including, but not limited to, the number of personnel needed
22 in correctional facilities to provide an appropriate level of health care to
23 inmates and inform inmates and their family members and
24 representatives regarding the provision of health care services in
25 correctional facilities and the mechanism by which such family
26 members and representatives may inquire of a correctional facility
27 about the inmate's health or health care services received by the inmate.

28 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
29 study barriers in the recruitment and retention of health care personnel
30 within the Department of Correction.

31 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

32 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
33 one of whom is a representative of a collective bargaining unit that
34 represents health care personnel within the Department of Correction;

35 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

36 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
37 Representatives;

38 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

39 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
40 Representatives;

41 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

42 (7) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
43 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

44 relating to public health, or the chairpersons' and ranking members'
45 designees;

46 (8) The Commissioners of Correction, Public Health, and
47 Administrative Services, or the commissioners' designees;

48 (9) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
49 secretary's designee; and

50 (10) A representative of a collective bargaining unit representing
51 health care personnel within the Department of Correction, who shall
52 be appointed by the Governor.

53 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
54 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) or (7) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
55 of the General Assembly.

56 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
57 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
58 be filled by the appointing authority.

59 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
60 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
61 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
62 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
63 days after the effective date of this section.

64 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
65 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
66 health shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

67 (g) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a report
68 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
69 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
70 health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
71 statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such
72 report or January 1, 2024, whichever is later.

73 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2024, the
74 Commissioner of Correction shall report, in accordance with the
75 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
76 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
77 relating to public health regarding the policies of the Department of
78 Correction concerning (1) the provision of health care services to
79 inmates of correctional facilities, (2) communication with health care
80 providers outside of the department regarding an inmate's medical
81 history while in a correctional facility, including, but not limited to,
82 obtaining and disclosing an inmate's medical records when appropriate,
83 and (3) a primary care provider's ability to obtain a former inmate's
84 medical history and medical records from the department after an
85 inmate's discharge from a correctional facility."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section