General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 7186

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LCO No. **5913**

Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

Introduced by:
(GOS)

AN ACT REQUIRING A REPORT CONCERNING THE USE OF BODY SCANNING MACHINES AND STRIP AND CAVITY SEARCHES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) On or before January 1, 2026, the Commissioner of Correction shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the status of the procurement of body scanning machines for use in correctional facilities and information concerning the conduct of strip and cavity searches in such facilities to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and government oversight. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) The status of the procurement of body scanning machines, (2) the estimated costs associated with the installation and use of body scanning machines in the public entrance areas of all correctional facilities, (3) recommendations regarding the number of body scanning machines that would be required for placement in the public entrance areas of correctional facilities, (4) the capability of body scanning machines to reduce the level of contraband brought into correctional

facilities by those visiting such facilities, (5) the number of strip searches and cavity searches of persons who are incarcerated that have occurred during the prior calendar year, broken out by correctional facility, (6) whether there have been any lawsuits filed concerning such strip searches or cavity searches, and if so the result of such lawsuits, and (7) a copy of the current policy concerning the conduct of such searches, including any training requirements for correctional officers concerning the conduct of such searches.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*from passage*	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Correction to report concerning the potential use of body scanning machines in correctional facilities and policies and information concerning the conduct of strip searches and cavity searches of persons 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.]