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sSB-1059

AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE CORRECTION  
OMBUDS, THE USE OF ISOLATED CONFINEMENT, SECLUSION  
AND RESTRAINTS, SOCIAL CONTACTS FOR INCARCERATED  
PERSONS AND TRAINING AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
BENEFITS FOR CORRECTION OFFICERS.

AMENDMENT

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***See Fiscal Note Details***

The amendment makes various changes resulting in the elimination of the revenue loss in the underlying bill and a reduction to the cost to the Department of Correction (DOC) and Office of Government Accountability (OGA), described below.

- The amendment reduces the cost to the OGA (and associated fringe benefits cost to the State Comptroller) by \$780,000 in FY 22 and \$800,000 in FY 23. To meet the requirements of the bill the OGA will need to hire one ombudsman and six supporting staff.
- The amendment removes the requirement that each inmate receives two free sixty-minute phone calls per week which removes the \$7.8 million revenue loss to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Judicial Department, and the DOC. This also reduces the annual cost to the DOC by \$5.7 million.
- The amendment removes the requirement that the DOC provide free writing and postage supplies to inmates which reduces the

cost to DOC in the underlying bill by \$400,000 per year.

- The amendment removes the requirement that physician and therapist evaluations occur before an inmate is placed in isolation and allow examinations to be conducted within 24 hours which reduces the potential cost to the DOC in the underlying bill. Physicians and therapists typically work first-shift, Monday-Friday at DOC facilities and are on-call all other times.
- The amendment removes sections 4-8 which eliminates the potential cost to the DOC if correction officers met the conditions and applied for workers compensation benefits for post-traumatic stress injuries.
- The amendment also makes various technical changes which result in no fiscal impact to the state.

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