



Senate

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File No. 523

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 458

Senate, April 19, 2022

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. WINFIELD of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INCARCERATED.

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

1 Section 1. Section 18-81p of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Commissioner of Correction, in consultation with the
4 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Judicial
5 Department, shall annually review, evaluate and make
6 recommendations concerning [substance abuse detoxification and
7 treatment programs for drug-dependent pretrial and sentenced inmates
8 of correctional facilities and] (1) substance use disorder screening,
9 diagnostic and treatment services that are available to individuals who
10 are incarcerated during the entirety of any period of incarceration; (2)
11 mental health screening, diagnostic and treatment services that are
12 available to individuals who are incarcerated during the entirety of any
13 period of incarceration; and (3) the reintegration of such [inmates]

14 individuals into the community. [The commissioner shall examine
 15 various options for the detoxification and treatment of drug-dependent
 16 inmates including, but not limited to, methadone maintenance
 17 treatment and other therapies or treatments, and the reintegration of
 18 drug-dependent inmates into the community upon their release from
 19 incarceration, including the transfer of inmates to community-based
 20 methadone or other therapy or treatment programs. The commissioner
 21 shall report his findings and recommendations and submit a proposal
 22 for detoxification, treatment and reintegration programs including, if
 23 appropriate, the establishment of one or more pilot programs for
 24 methadone maintenance or other therapy or treatment for drug-
 25 dependent inmates to the General Assembly not later than February 1,
 26 1998.] On or before January 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the
 27 Commissioner of Correction shall report on such review, in accordance
 28 with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of
 29 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
 30 judiciary, public health and appropriations and the budgets of state
 31 agencies.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	18-81p

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill makes various reporting changes required of the Commissioner of Correction resulting in no fiscal impact to the state.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 458*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INCARCERATED.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Correction (DOC) commissioner to annually review, evaluate, and make recommendations on (1) substance use disorder and mental health screening, diagnostic, and treatment services available to individuals who are incarcerated, throughout their entire incarceration and (2) reintegrating these individuals into the community. In doing so, the commissioner must consult with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the judicial branch.

The bill requires the DOC commissioner, starting by January 1, 2023, to annually report on this review to the Judiciary, Public Health, and Appropriations committees.

It also repeals an obsolete reporting provision.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Related Bill***

sSB 448 (File 452), reported favorably by the Public Health Committee, sets various requirements related to health care for people who are incarcerated, such as requiring the DOC commissioner to ensure that there are enough licensed mental health care providers at correctional institutions (including at least four per institution with experience in substance use disorder diagnosis and treatment).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 37 Nay 0 (03/31/2022)