



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 458

February Session, 2022



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 Section 18-81p of the general statutes is repealed and the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

