

Appropriations Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5429

AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMISSARY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR

Title: YOUTH IN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION FACILITIES.

Vote Date: 4/4/2024

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/15/2024

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

The Appropriations Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

After there were reports of conflicts as a result of adjustments made to the commissary program for youth during the legislative session of 2023, this bill seeks to require the Department of Corrections (DOC), to report to the Appropriations, Children and Judiciary Committee on the plan implementation and any recommended changes, to ensure that the program adjustments are being implemented as intended and issues can be addressed if necessary.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Deborah Sullivan, Legal Counsel Director, Office of Chief Public Defender \(OCPD\)](#) – OCPD submitted testimony in support of this bill sharing that DOC established a plan based on a positive behavior motivation system for use as payment towards commissary goods. Ms. Sullivan shared her belief that a report on the implementation of the Commissary Plan and recommendations for changes will ensure that youth within DOC receive equitable commissary options.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None Expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed.

Reported by: Taylor Hyde

Date: 04/10/2024