



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5127

LCO No. 1001



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT REQUIRING A NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR THE DELIVERY
OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN PRISONS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) The Department of Correction
2 shall conduct a needs assessment of the facilities, materials and staffing
3 required for the delivery of postsecondary education programs in
4 correctional facilities. Such assessment shall include, but need not be
5 limited to, (1) consultation with institutions of higher education that
6 provide postsecondary education programs in prisons to understand
7 current needs, (2) analysis of the department's policies concerning
8 postsecondary education, (3) determination of the level of unmet
9 demand for postsecondary education among the incarcerated
10 population, (4) inventory of the (A) facilities, including, but not limited
11 to, classrooms, multipurpose rooms and study rooms, (B) staffing, and
12 (C) materials, including, but not limited to, education technology,
13 currently available for the delivery of postsecondary education, (5)
14 recommendations for and a cost analysis of the improvement of such
15 facilities, staffing and materials to meet the unmet demand for

16 postsecondary education, and (6) a listing of any other specific barriers
17 to the effective delivery of postsecondary education programs.

18 (b) Not later than January 1, 2025, the Department of Correction shall
19 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
20 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
21 having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and
22 employment advancement, regarding the needs assessment conducted
23 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Correction to conduct a needs assessment of the facilities, materials and staffing required for the delivery of postsecondary education programs in correctional institutions.

[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.]