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"AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE CIVIL PROCEDURE LAWS IN THIS STATE."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 1-210 of the 2024 supplement to
4 the general statutes is amended by adding subdivision (29) as follows
5 (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

6 (NEW) (29) The name and badge number of a police officer, as
7 defined in section 7-294a, who is the subject of a formal investigation,
8 until the issuance of a final report by the investigating authority, or one
9 year after such investigation is initiated, whichever occurs first, unless
10 such information is required to be disclosed under section 29-6d or 29-
11 10c.

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 Section 18-81jj of the general statutes is repealed and the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

14 (a) There is established the Correction Advisory Committee that shall
15 consist of eleven members. Such members shall be appointed as follows:

16 (1) One who is directly impacted, appointed by the Senate
17 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
18 having cognizance of matters relating to the Department of Correction;

19 (2) One who has expertise in law, specifically the rights of
20 incarcerated persons, appointed by the House chairperson of the joint
21 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
22 matters relating to the Department of Correction;

23 (3) One who has a demonstrated interest in advancing the rights and
24 welfare of incarcerated persons, appointed by the president pro tempore
25 of the Senate;

26 (4) One who has a demonstrated interest in advancing the rights and
27 welfare of incarcerated persons, appointed by the speaker of the House
28 of Representatives;

29 (5) One who has expertise in the provision of mental health care to
30 incarcerated persons or formerly incarcerated persons, appointed by the
31 minority leader of the Senate;

32 (6) One who has expertise in the provision of medical care to
33 incarcerated persons or formerly incarcerated persons, appointed by the
34 minority leader of the House of Representatives;

35 (7) One of whom is a victim of a violent crime, a person who
36 advocates for victims' rights or an attorney who has represented a victim
37 of a violent crime, appointed by the House ranking member of the joint
38 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
39 matters relating to the Department of Correction;

40 (8) One who has an expertise in corrections, appointed by the Senate
41 ranking member of the joint standing committee of the General
42 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the Department of
43 Correction; and

44 (9) Three who are appointed by the Governor, one of whom has
45 expertise in corrections, one of whom has expertise in medication in a
46 correctional setting and one of whom is directly impacted.

47 (b) For purposes of subsection (a) of this section, "directly impacted"
48 means (1) a person who was previously incarcerated within a facility
49 operated by the department and is no longer under probation or any
50 supervision by the department, or (2) a family member of a person
51 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection or of a person who is in
52 the custody of the Commissioner of Correction.

53 (c) All appointments to the committee, including vacancy
54 appointments which shall be filled by the appointing authority having
55 the power to make the original appointment, shall be made as follows:

56 (1) Not later than thirty days after May 10, 2022, or after any vacancy,
57 each appointing authority or any such authority filling a vacancy shall
58 submit a letter designating such authority's appointment or
59 appointments to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
60 having cognizance of matters relating to the Department of Correction.
61 Such joint standing committee shall post such letters on its Internet web
62 site. The Senate and House chairpersons of such joint standing
63 committee shall schedule a public hearing of such proposed
64 appointments to be conducted not later than forty days after May 10,
65 2022, or ten days after the submission of a letter in the case of a vacancy.

66 (2) After such hearing, each appointing authority shall confirm or
67 withdraw such authority's appointment or appointments. Any
68 appointing authority who withdraws an appointment shall, not later
69 than ten days after such withdrawal, submit a new letter to such joint
70 standing committee of the General Assembly designating a different
71 appointment or appointments, which shall initiate the hearing and
72 approval or withdrawal process pursuant to subdivision (1) of this
73 subsection and this subdivision for such appointment or appointments.

74 (d) The chairpersons of the Correction Advisory Committee shall be
75 the members appointed pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of

76 subsection (a) of this section. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first
77 meeting of said committee, which shall be held not later than sixty days
78 after May 10, 2022.

79 (e) Each committee member shall serve a four-year term, except that
80 each initial term shall run for four years from February 1, 2023. Each
81 committee member may serve up to two terms. In the event of a vacancy
82 appointment, the member appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve the
83 remainder of the original member's four-year term and may be
84 reappointed for up to two more terms.

85 (f) Each member shall serve without compensation but shall, within
86 available appropriations, be reimbursed for necessary expenses that
87 such member may incur through service on the Correction Advisory
88 Committee.

89 (g) Each member shall, not later than ten days after the first meeting
90 of the Correction Advisory Committee in which such member
91 participates, take an oath of office to diligently and honestly administer
92 the affairs of said committee. The oath shall be administered by a
93 chairperson of said committee.

94 (h) A majority of the members appointed to the Correction Advisory
95 Committee shall constitute a quorum, which shall be necessary for the
96 committee to conduct business. A majority vote of the members present
97 shall be required for action of the committee.

98 (i) Any committee member shall be indemnified and represented by
99 the Attorney General pursuant to section 5-141d.

100 (j) The Correction Advisory Committee shall perform the following
101 functions:

102 (1) Submit a list of candidates for Correction Ombuds for the
103 Governor's consideration, pursuant to subsection (k) of this section;

104 (2) Review the actions of the Correction Ombuds pursuant to section
105 18-81qq;

106 (3) Meet not less than quarterly to bring matters to the Correction
107 Ombuds' attention and to consult on the Correction Ombuds' services,
108 findings and recommendations; and

109 (4) Convene semiannual public hearings to discuss the Correction
110 Ombuds' services, findings and recommendations.

111 (k) Not later than [eighty days after May 10, 2022] September 1, 2024,
112 or not later than sixty days after any vacancy in the position of
113 Correction Ombuds, the Correction Advisory Committee shall solicit
114 applications for such position and meet to consider and interview the
115 most qualified candidates who are residents of this state for such
116 position. Any person serving as acting Correction Ombuds pursuant to
117 subsection (n) or (o) of this section may submit an application and shall
118 be considered a candidate. Said committee shall select not fewer than
119 three and not more than five of the most outstanding candidates,
120 publish the names of such selected candidates on said committee's
121 Internet web site and hold a public hearing allowing testimony from
122 members of the public concerning the selected candidates. Said
123 committee shall submit to the Governor a list of selected candidates, [.
124 Such list shall rank the candidates in the order of committee preference]
125 provided for the initial appointment pursuant to this section, the
126 committee shall submit such list not later than December 31, 2024.

127 (l) (1) Not later than thirty days after receiving the list submitted
128 under subsection (k) of this section, the Governor, with the approval of
129 the General Assembly, shall appoint a person qualified by training and
130 experience as the Correction Ombuds.

131 (2) If at any time any of the candidates withdraw from consideration
132 prior to confirmation by the General Assembly, the designation shall be
133 made from the remaining candidates on the list submitted to the
134 Governor.

135 (3) If, not later than thirty days after receiving the list, the Governor
136 fails to designate a candidate from the list, the [candidate ranked first
137 shall receive the designation and be referred] committee shall rank the

138 candidates in order of committee preference and refer to the General
139 Assembly for confirmation the candidate designated as having been
140 ranked first.

141 (4) If the General Assembly is not in session, the designated candidate
142 shall serve as acting Correction Ombuds and be entitled to the
143 compensation, privileges and powers of the Correction Ombuds until
144 the General Assembly meets to take action on said appointment.

145 (m) The person appointed as Correction Ombuds shall serve for an
146 initial term of two years and may serve until a successor is appointed
147 and confirmed in accordance with this section. Such person may be
148 reappointed for succeeding terms.

149 (n) (1) Upon any vacancy in the position of Correction Ombuds and
150 until such time as a candidate has been confirmed by the General
151 Assembly or, if the General Assembly is not in session, has been
152 designated by the Governor, the Associate Correction Ombuds, as
153 designated by the Correction Advisory Committee, shall serve as the
154 acting Correction Ombuds and be entitled to the compensation,
155 privileges and powers of the Correction Ombuds until the General
156 Assembly meets to take action on said appointment.

157 (2) On and after June 4, 2025, if the Governor has submitted a
158 candidate for consideration and confirmation by the General Assembly
159 and the General Assembly fails to take action on such appointment, the
160 position shall be considered vacant and the Associate Correction
161 Ombuds shall serve as acting Correction Ombuds in accordance with
162 the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

163 (o) The Governor shall, after consultation with the chairperson of the
164 Black and Puerto Rican Caucus of the General Assembly and the
165 ranking members and chairperson of the joint standing committee of the
166 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary
167 and not later than July 1, 2024, appoint a resident of this state to serve as
168 acting Correction Ombuds who shall be entitled to the compensation,
169 privileges and powers of the Correction Ombuds until such time as (1)

170 the General Assembly (A) confirms an appointment for Correction
171 Ombuds pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (l) of this section, or
172 (B) a designated candidate is made the acting Correction Ombuds
173 pursuant to subdivision (3) of said subsection (l), or (2) the position is
174 considered vacant in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (n)
175 of this section.

176 Sec. 3. Section 501 of house bill 5055 of the current session, as
177 amended by House Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed. (*Effective*
178 *from passage*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	1-210(b)(29)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	18-81jj
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section