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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:

REP. HUGHES, 135th Dist.

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF STRIP SEARCHES AND USE OF CHEMICAL RESTRAINTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

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

- 1 That title 18 of the general statutes be amended to provide that the
- 2 Department of Correction (1) be limited in its use of chemical restraints,
- 3 (2) may only perform a strip search of an incarcerated person upon
- 4 establishment of probable cause that the incarcerated person is in
- 5 possession of contraband and that any cavity search be conducted only
- 6 if necessary and in the least invasive manner possible, and (3) report on
- 7 the use of any such practices.

Statement of Purpose:

To govern the use of strip searches and use of chemical restraints by the Department of Correction and improve transparency concerning the use of such methods.