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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Introduced By: Senator Michael J. McCaffrey

Date Introduced: March 10, 2011

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 42-56-29 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-56 entitled  
2 "Corrections Department" is hereby amended to read as follows:  
3           **42-56-29. Receiving and orientation unit -- Study of incoming prisoners. --** To  
4 establish security standards which will safeguard society and which will provide for the most  
5 efficient possible rehabilitation of individual prisoners, there shall be established within the  
6 department of corrections a receiving and orientation unit which shall receive all persons  
7 sentenced to the adult correctional institutions for a term of imprisonment of more than one year.  
8 Every person so sentenced shall be segregated for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days during  
9 which period the person shall be studied and evaluated to determine whether the person shall be a  
10 maximum, medium, or minimum security risk and to develop a program of rehabilitation,  
11 education, and medical and other care as shall be deemed necessary and appropriate to prepare  
12 the person to become a useful member of society. During the period, a medical assessment,  
13 ~~psychometric, and psychological examination~~ and an assessment of rehabilitative needs shall be  
14 made of the person and the results, together with the nature of the offense for which the person  
15 has been committed, the previous criminal history, if any, the recommendations of the department  
16 of the attorney general and of the sentencing court and the social history of the person shall be  
17 studied and evaluated in determining the degree of custodial care of the person, the rehabilitation  
18 program for the person, the medical or other care that may be necessary and the spiritual and  
19 religious guidance that shall be indicated by the preference of the person.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require that an incoming prisoner receive a medical assessment and an  
2 assessment as to rehabilitative needs.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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