



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6883

LCO No. 5651



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A "CORRECTIONS TO COLLEGE PROGRAM"
AT REGIONAL COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGES FOR
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) Not later than January 1,
2 2020, the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Department
3 of Correction shall jointly establish a program, to be known as the
4 "Corrections to College Program" for youthful offenders, as defined in
5 section 54-76b of the general statutes. Such program shall include, but
6 not be limited to, (1) eligibility for mentorship starting six months prior
7 to the release from incarceration of any youthful offender, including
8 informing the youthful offender of the fields of study available at the
9 regional community-technical colleges and financial counseling, and
10 (2) the assignment of an education and career counselor to any
11 youthful offender that enrolls in a regional community-technical
12 college after release from incarceration and is twenty-one years of age
13 or younger to promote successful completion of the program in which
14 the youthful offender is enrolled and to oversee completion by the
15 youthful offender of (A) not less than ten sessions of outpatient mental

16 health counseling or therapy with the goal of helping the youthful
17 offender adjust to reentry to the community, (B) not less than twenty-
18 five hours of unpaid community service during the first twelve-month
19 period in which the youthful offender is enrolled at the regional
20 community-technical college, and (C) if applicable, life-skills or
21 parenting training classes.

22 (b) Not later than January 1, 2021, the president of the Board of
23 Regents for Higher Education and the Commissioner of Correction
24 shall jointly report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
25 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
26 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education
27 and employment advancement and the judiciary on the Corrections to
28 College Program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section

HED *Joint Favorable*

APP *Joint Favorable*