



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 220**

LCO No. 650



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:

SEN. OSTEN, 19th Dist.

REP. CONLEY, 40th Dist.

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***AN ACT CONCERNING INCARCERATED PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.***

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

- 1 That chapter 325 of the general statutes be amended to require the
- 2 Commissioner of Correction to: (1) Initiate a reporting mechanism that
- 3 correctly identifies the mental health status of any person who is
- 4 incarcerated; (2) assess the average amount of sentence time served by
- 5 a person with a mental health illness in comparison to the average
- 6 sentence time served by an incarcerated person who does not have
- 7 mental illness; and (3) in collaboration with the Commissioner of Mental
- 8 Health and Addiction Services, establish protocols to accurately assess
- 9 the mental health of incarcerated persons from date of incarceration
- 10 through date of release by (A) identifying any childhood trauma
- 11 associated with physical or sexual abuse, (B) ensuring that an
- 12 electroencephalogram is conducted to identify partial complex seizure

13 activity, also known as Focal Onset Impaired Awareness Seizures, and  
14 (C) identifying the rate of recidivism of such persons and the services  
15 available to such persons when released.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To enhance mental health assessments and services for person who are incarcerated.