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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING SOLITARY CONFINEMENT.

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

1 Section 1. Section 18-96b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Administrative segregation status" means the Department of
5 Correction's practice of placing an inmate on restrictive housing status
6 following a determination that such inmate can no longer be safely
7 managed within the general inmate population of the correctional
8 facility; and

9 (2) "Restrictive housing status" means the designation of an inmate
10 by the Department of Correction that provides for closely regulated
11 management and separation of such inmate from other inmates.

12 (b) The Department of Correction shall publish on its Internet web
13 site the formula for calculating an inmate's mental health score and a
14 description of any form and phase of housing employed at any of its

15 correctional facilities for inmates on restrictive housing status.

16 (c) The Department of Correction shall [at least annually] not later
17 than November 1, 2019, submit to the Criminal Justice Policy and
18 Planning Division established under section 4-68m a report containing
19 as aggregated and anonymized the following data for the period of
20 time since the department last reported under this subsection:

21 (1) The number of inmates on restrictive housing status in this
22 state's correctional facilities, as of the first day of each of the [twelve]
23 months [preceding the date of the submission of] covered by the
24 report. The department shall report and disaggregate such data based
25 on an inmate's age, gender identity, ethnicity, mental health score as
26 calculated by the department, if any, and the form and phase of
27 housing in which such inmate is held on restrictive housing status;

28 (2) The number of inmates on administrative segregation status who
29 have spent the following cumulative durations of time on
30 administrative segregation status:

31 (A) One to fifteen days;

32 (B) Sixteen to thirty days;

33 (C) Thirty-one to one hundred eighty days;

34 (D) One hundred eighty-one to three hundred sixty-five days;

35 (E) Three hundred sixty-six to seven hundred thirty days;

36 (F) Seven hundred thirty-one to one thousand ninety-five days;

37 (G) One thousand ninety-six to one thousand four hundred sixty
38 days;

39 (H) One thousand four hundred sixty-one to one thousand eight
40 hundred twenty-five days;

41 (I) One thousand eight hundred twenty-six to two thousand one
42 hundred ninety days;

43 (J) Two thousand one hundred ninety-one to two thousand five
44 hundred fifty-five days;

45 (K) Two thousand five hundred fifty-six to two thousand nine
46 hundred twenty days;

47 (L) Two thousand nine hundred twenty-one to three thousand two
48 hundred eighty-five days;

49 (M) Three thousand two hundred eighty-six to three thousand six
50 hundred fifty days; and

51 (N) More than three thousand six hundred fifty days;

52 (3) For each correctional facility, the number of inmates who, during
53 the [twelve months preceding the date of the submission of] period of
54 time covered by the report, spent more than fifteen days, cumulative,
55 on administrative segregation status. The department shall report and
56 disaggregate such data based on an inmate's age, gender identity,
57 ethnicity, mental health score as calculated by the department, if any,
58 and the form and phase of restricted housing in which such inmate is
59 held; and

60 (4) Actions taken by the department during the [twelve months
61 preceding the date of the submission of] period of time covered by the
62 report to minimize reliance on administrative segregation status and to
63 mitigate the harmful effects of administrative segregation status on
64 inmates, staff and the public.

65 (d) [The] On and after October 1, 2019, the department shall not
66 hold any person [under eighteen years of age] on administrative
67 segregation status or restrictive housing status.

68 [(e) Not later than January 1, 2019, the Commissioner of Correction

69 shall study and submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
70 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
71 having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary regarding the
72 use and oversight of all forms and phases of housing for inmates on
73 restrictive housing status.]

74 [(f)] (e) The provisions of subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of this
75 section do not apply to any inmate described in subsection (a) of
76 section 18-10b.

77 [(g)] (f) Within available appropriations, the Department of
78 Correction shall provide training to employees of the department who
79 interact with inmates concerning the following:

- 80 (1) The recognition of symptoms of mental illness;
- 81 (2) The potential risks and side effects of psychiatric medications;
- 82 (3) De-escalation techniques for safely managing individuals with
83 mental illness;
- 84 (4) Consequences of untreated mental illness;
- 85 (5) The long and short-term psychological effects of being on
86 administrative segregation status; and
- 87 (6) De-escalation and communication techniques to divert inmates
88 from situations that may lead to the inmate being placed on
89 administrative segregation status.

90 [(h)] (g) Within available appropriations, the Department of
91 Correction shall take measures to promote the wellness of employees
92 of the department who interact with inmates. These measures may
93 include, but need not be limited to:

- 94 (1) Employee assistance programs;
- 95 (2) Peer support programs; and

96 (3) Stress management training.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	18-96b

JUD *Joint Favorable*