

Subject Department of Corrections Policy

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Overview

This bill contains a variety of provisions that seek to improve prison treatment access and update outdated statutes.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Screening of inmates. Establishes that all inmates shall be screened for tuberculosis (TB) within 14 days of intake and annually thereafter.
2	Procedures without consent. Establishes the protocol that the commissioner must follow if an incarcerated person refuses to submit to a TB test which requires the commissioner to secure a court order compelling the incarcerated person to submit to the test.
3	Screening for employees. Requires all new employees at facilities operated or licensed by the Department of Corrections to be screened for tuberculosis prior to beginning employment and annually thereafter.
4	Substance use disorder treatment programs. Clarifies that the commissioner provides substance use disorder programs for both adults and juveniles that meet minimum statutory standards established for such programs in chapter 245G.
5	Authority; rules. Clarifies that the commissioner is authorized to operate mental health units at more than one of the state's adult correctional facilities.

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6	Transfer. Expands the grounds for a mental health professional to refer an incarcerated person to the facility's mental health unit.
7	Commitment. Eliminates the agency's authority to seek a judicially ordered mental health commitment for an incarcerated person who "refuses to voluntarily participate" in a mental health treatment program.
8	Discharge. Conforming change related to change in policy proposed in section 5.
9	Transfer upon expiration of sentence. Conforming change related to change in policy proposed in section 5.



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