

**Subject** Department of Corrections policy changes

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## Overview

This is the Department of Corrections policy bill.

## Summary

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| 1 | <p><b>Public benefit data.</b></p> <p>Amends the situations where the Department of Corrections can disclose the city and zip code of an offender to a victim when the offender is released from a DOC facility. Eliminates the requirements that the victim have been a household or family member of the offender, the offense was a qualified domestic violence-related offense against the victim seeking the information, the victim made a written or electronic request, and the offender was under correctional supervision at the time of the request.</p> |
| 2 | <p><b>Correctional facilities; inspection; licensing.</b></p> <p>Provides that the access a commissioner has to the buildings, grounds, books, records, staff, and persons incarcerated in a facility is not limited by the classification of data in chapter 13 or any other provision in law. Establishes that failure to provide or grant access to relevant information may be grounds for the commissioner to take licensing action.</p>   |
| 3 | <p><b>Health care peer review committee.</b></p> <p>Amends the membership of the health care peer review committee to remove the director of health services, allow the department director of nursing to appoint a designee, and include additional members.</p>   |
| 4 | <p><b>Health care decisions.</b></p> <p>Allows the medical director of the DOC to designate a person, who must be a physician, to make a health care decision for certain inmates. Currently statute limits the authority to the medical director of the DOC.</p>   |

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5	<b>Use of force.</b> Eliminates the requirement that a correctional officer who uses force must be the person who can articulate the threat with specificity.
6	<b>Supervised release, life and indeterminate sentences.</b> Allows the supervised release board to meet in closed session to receive and review a victim's statement.
7	<b>Offenders not eligible.</b> Amends the limit on offenders who can be placed in the challenge incarceration program to remove the prohibitions for individuals with certain medical conditions and the responsibility of the DOC to identify disqualifying medical conditions.
8	<b>Commissioner of corrections; report.</b> Amends the requirements for the DOC to report on information on individuals on probation by requiring that the report be made by May 1 of each year (instead of January 15) and removing references to recommended methods of coordinating the exchange of information between probation service providers and between probation service providers and the DOC.
9	<b>Definitions.</b> Defines "local advisory board" for purposes of the Community Corrections Act.
10	<b>Petition; contents; fee.</b> Authorizes a supervising agent or the commissioner of corrections to provide a prosecutor with private or confidential data for purposes of a petition for sentence adjustment.
11	<b>Offender location.</b> Consistent with section 1 of the bill, amends the situations where the Department of Corrections can disclose the city and zip code of an offender to a victim when the offender is released from a DOC facility. Eliminates the requirements that the victim have been a household or family member of the offender, the offense was a qualified domestic violence-related offense against the victim seeking the information, the victim made a written or electronic request, and the offender was under correctional supervision at the time of the request.
12	<b>Procedure on receipt of request.</b> Eliminates the requirement that the DOC send a certification of the term of commitment an offender is serving and related information by both electronic means

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and mail when an imprisoned person requests disposition of an untried matter, allowing the DOC to provide the information either by electronic means or mail.



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