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Public Act No. 23-12

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF PERSONS WHO ARE INCARCERATED BETWEEN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND THE USE OF BODY SCANNING MACHINES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE USE OF STRIP SEARCHES.

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

Section 1. Section 18-81e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

(a) For the purposes of this section, "victim" includes the legal representative of the victim or a member of the deceased victim's immediate family.

(b) Upon the release of any person from a correctional facility, whether at the scheduled termination date of a determinate sentence or prior to such date on account of the transfer of such person to a public or private nonprofit halfway house, group home or mental health facility or approved community residence pursuant to section 18-100, the reduction of such sentence due to good conduct and obedience to rules or receipt of an outstandingly meritorious performance award, or any other early release provision, the Commissioner of Correction or [his] the commissioner's designee shall notify any victim of the crime for which such person is incarcerated of such person's release if such victim

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has requested notification and provided the commissioner with a current address.

(c) Upon the transfer of a person who is incarcerated from a correctional facility to another correctional facility, the Commissioner of Correction or the commissioner's designee shall notify (1) each victim of any crime for which such person is incarcerated, and (2) an immediate family member of the person who is incarcerated, of such person's transfer to another correctional facility if such victim or immediate family member has requested such notification and provided the commissioner with a current residential address or electronic mail address.

Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) On or before February 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Correction shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the status of the procurement of body scanning machines for use in correctional facilities, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary, finance, revenue and bonding, and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) The status of the procurement of body scanning machines, (2) the estimated costs associated with the installation and use of such machines in all correctional facilities, (3) recommendations regarding the number of such machines that would be required, (4) information concerning potential health risks associated with accumulated exposure to radiation due to the use of such machines, and (5) the capability of body scanning machines to replace strip searches, partially or entirely, and any impacts on correctional facility safety and security, specifically regarding the conveyance of contraband into correctional facilities.

Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) On or before January 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Correction shall issue a request for proposal for the procurement of body scanning machines to be used for the purpose of

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conducting full-body x-ray screenings of persons who are incarcerated so as to (1) allow correctional facility staff to identify contraband such as weapons, cellphones and drugs, in and on the body, and (2) reduce the numbers of strip searches conducted to perform searches for contraband. On or before February 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Correction shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary, finance, revenue and bonding, and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies on the issuance of the request for proposal required under this section.

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