



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 391

Senate, April 14, 2026

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. WINFIELD of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF BREAST CANCER SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT SERVICES FOR WOMEN COMMITTED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) The Commissioner of
2 Correction, when providing medical care for the screening, diagnosis
3 and treatment of breast cancer to any woman committed to the custody
4 of the Department of Correction, may arrange for such screening,
5 diagnostic and treatment services to be provided by a health care
6 institution, licensed in accordance with the provisions of chapter 368v
7 of the general statutes, that is in closer proximity to the correctional
8 facility than The University of Connecticut Health Center. In the event
9 the commissioner is unable to provide a required diagnostic and
10 screening mammogram, as defined in section 38a-503 of the general
11 statutes, to a woman committed to the custody of the commissioner on-
12 site at the correctional facility, the commissioner may then arrange for
13 the provision of such mammogram at a health care institution that is in

14 closer proximity to the correctional facility than The University of
15 Connecticut Health Center.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section

JUD *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
UConn Health Ctr.	GF - Revenue Loss	See Below	See Below
Correction, Dept.	GF - Potential Savings	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill allows the Department of Correction (DOC) to provide certain breast cancer services for women in DOC custody at licensed health care institutions closer to the correctional facility than the UConn Health Center, resulting in a revenue loss to UConn Health and a net potential savings to DOC beginning in FY 27, to the extent that DOC is able to provide these services to women more efficiently.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the continued feasibility of providing equivalent breast cancer services at closer health care institutions.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 391*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF BREAST CANCER SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT SERVICES FOR WOMEN COMMITTED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.*****SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes the Department of Correction (DOC) to arrange for breast cancer screening, diagnostic, and treatment services for women in DOC custody to occur at licensed health care institutions that are closer to the correctional facility than is the UConn Health Center.

It also allows DOC, if it is unable to provide on-site mammograms, to arrange for them at licensed health care institutions that are closer than UConn Health Center.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

BACKGROUND***Related Bills***

sHB 5474 (File 333), favorably reported by the Government Oversight Committee, requires the DOC commissioner to add certain components to the department's health care services plan and makes related changes.

sHB 5567, favorably reported by the Judiciary Committee, makes several changes related to DOC's delivery of health care services, staffing, and related matters, such as creating a pilot program providing comprehensive medical, behavioral health, and care coordination services at York Correctional Institution (the state's only correctional institution for females).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 41 Nay 0 (03/30/2026)