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Introduced by:  
(GOS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE WELL-BEING OF EMPLOYEES OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND PERSONS WHO ARE  
INCARCERATED IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 18-81cc of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3 (a) As used in this section, "sexual abuse" has the same meaning as  
4 provided in 28 CFR 115.6, as amended from time to time. Any agency of  
5 the state or any political subdivision of the state that incarcerates or  
6 detains adult or juvenile offenders, including persons detained for  
7 immigration violations, shall [, within available appropriations,] adopt  
8 and comply with the applicable standards recommended by the  
9 National Prison Rape Elimination Commission for the prevention,  
10 detection and monitoring of, and response to, sexual abuse in adult  
11 prisons and jails, community correctional centers, juvenile facilities and  
12 lockups.

13 (b) Such standards include, but are not limited to:

- 14 (1) Zero tolerance of sexual abuse or written or verbal threats of  
15 sexual abuse;
- 16 (2) Contracting with other entities for the confinement of inmates or  
17 detainees;
- 18 (3) Inmate or detainee supervision;
- 19 (4) Heightened protection for vulnerable inmates or detainees;
- 20 (5) [Limits to cross-gender] Privacy limits on viewing and searches of  
21 individuals who have a gender identity that differs from the inmate's  
22 assigned sex at birth;
- 23 (6) Accommodating inmates or detainees with special needs;
- 24 (7) Hiring and promotion decisions;
- 25 (8) Assessment, [and] use and implementation of monitoring  
26 technology, to ensure there are no areas that are not subject to video  
27 surveillance, unless otherwise prohibited by law;
- 28 (9) Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations;
- 29 (10) Agreements with outside public entities and community service  
30 providers, including, but not limited to, for purposes of ensuring access  
31 to crisis and emotional support services and ongoing mental health  
32 support and treatments;
- 33 (11) Agreements with outside law enforcement agencies for purposes  
34 of conducting investigations;
- 35 (12) Agreements with the prosecuting authority;
- 36 (13) Employee training;
- 37 (14) Volunteer and contractor training;
- 38 (15) Inmate education;

39 (16) Detainee, inmate, attorney [,] and contractor [and inmate worker]  
40 notification of agency's zero-tolerance policy;

41 (17) Specialized training: Investigations and internal administrative  
42 investigations;

43 (18) Specialized training: Medical and mental health care, including  
44 trauma-informed methods of care for victims of sexual abuse;

45 (19) Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness;

46 (20) Use of screening information for inmate classification,  
47 management and treatment;

48 (21) Inmate or detainee reporting;

49 (22) Exhaustion of administrative remedies;

50 (23) Inmate access to outside confidential support services or legal  
51 representation with no interference from the Department of Correction;

52 (24) Third-party reporting;

53 (25) Staff and facility or agency head reporting duties;

54 (26) Reporting to other confinement facilities;

55 (27) Staff first responder duties;

56 (28) Coordinated response;

57 (29) Agency protection against retaliation;

58 (30) Duty to investigate;

59 (31) Duty to intervene;

60 [(31)] (32) Criminal and administrative agency investigations;

61 [(32)] (33) Evidence standard for administrative investigations;

62        [(33)] ~~(34)~~ Disciplinary sanctions for staff, including, but not limited  
63 to, for any delay in investigating;

64        [(34) Disciplinary] ~~(35)~~ Graduated disciplinary sanctions for inmates  
65 who are the aggressor for which the agency has substantiated  
66 allegations against the inmate who is the aggressor;

67        [(35)] ~~(36)~~ Referrals for prosecution for staff-on-inmate, inmate-on-  
68 inmate or detainee-on-detainee sexual abuse;

69        [(36)] ~~(37)~~ Medical and mental health screenings: History of sexual  
70 abuse, assault, trauma and victimization;

71        [(37)] ~~(38)~~ Access to emergency medical and mental health services;

72        [(38)] ~~(39)~~ Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse  
73 victims and abusers;

74        [(39)] ~~(40)~~ Sexual abuse incident reviews;

75        [(40)] ~~(41)~~ Data collection;

76        [(41)] ~~(42)~~ Data review for corrective action;

77        [(42)] ~~(43)~~ Data storage, publication, and destruction; and

78        [(43)] ~~(44)~~ Audits of standards.

79        (c) The agency head of any agency of the state or the chief elected  
80 official or governing legislative body of any political subdivision of the  
81 state that incarcerates or detains juvenile offenders shall, annually, not  
82 later than January fifteenth, certify its compliance with the provisions of  
83 subsections (a) and (b) of this section to the Criminal Justice Policy and  
84 Planning Division within the Office of Policy and Management.

85        Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) The Commissioner of Correction  
86 shall ensure that all incidents of sexual abuse or sexual assault that  
87 occurred within a correctional institution are investigated and such

88 investigation is completed not later than thirty days after the report is  
89 received by any employee or contractor of the Department of  
90 Correction. Not later than October 1, 2026, and quarterly thereafter, the  
91 Commissioner of Correction shall report, in accordance with the  
92 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, any such incidents  
93 that were not reported within thirty days after the incident occurred or  
94 where the investigation of such report was not completed within thirty  
95 days, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
96 cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and government  
97 oversight.

98       Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) On or before July 1, 2026, the  
99 Commissioner of Correction shall submit a plan for the training of  
100 correctional officers concerning the use of body scanning machines to  
101 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
102 cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and government  
103 oversight. Any such plan shall ensure that such training is implemented  
104 not later than January 1, 2027.

105       Sec. 4. Section 53a-71 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
106 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

107       (a) A person is guilty of sexual assault in the second degree when  
108 such person engages in sexual intercourse with another person and: (1)  
109 Such other person is thirteen years of age or older but under sixteen  
110 years of age and the actor is more than three years older than such other  
111 person; or (2) such other person is impaired because of mental disability  
112 or disease to the extent that such other person is unable to consent to  
113 such sexual intercourse; or (3) such other person is physically helpless;  
114 or (4) such other person is less than eighteen years old and the actor is  
115 such person's guardian or otherwise responsible for the general  
116 supervision of such person's welfare; or (5) such other person is in  
117 custody of law or detained in a hospital or other institution, the actor is  
118 employed by or contracted with the hospital or institution or an agency  
119 of the state and the actor has supervisory or disciplinary authority over

120 such other person; or (6) the actor is a psychotherapist and such other  
121 person is (A) a patient of the actor and the sexual intercourse occurs  
122 during the psychotherapy session, (B) a patient or former patient of the  
123 actor and such patient or former patient is emotionally dependent upon  
124 the actor, or (C) a patient or former patient of the actor and the sexual  
125 intercourse occurs by means of therapeutic deception; or (7) the actor  
126 accomplishes the sexual intercourse by means of false representation  
127 that the sexual intercourse is for a bona fide medical purpose by a health  
128 care professional; or (8) the actor is a school employee and such other  
129 person is a student enrolled in a school in which the actor works or a  
130 school under the jurisdiction of the local or regional board of education  
131 which employs the actor; or (9) the actor is a coach in an athletic activity  
132 or a person who provides intensive, ongoing instruction and such other  
133 person is a recipient of coaching or instruction from the actor and (A) is  
134 a secondary school student and receives such coaching or instruction in  
135 a secondary school setting, or (B) is under eighteen years of age; or (10)  
136 the actor is twenty years of age or older and stands in a position of  
137 power, authority or supervision over such other person by virtue of the  
138 actor's professional, legal, occupational or volunteer status and such  
139 other person's participation in a program or activity, and such other  
140 person is under eighteen years of age; or (11) such other person is placed  
141 or receiving services under the direction of the Commissioner of  
142 Developmental Services in any public or private facility or program and  
143 the actor has supervisory or disciplinary authority over such other  
144 person.

145 (b) Sexual assault in the second degree is a class C felony or, if the  
146 victim of the offense is under sixteen years of age, a class B felony, and  
147 any person found guilty under this section shall be sentenced to a term  
148 of imprisonment of which [nine months] two years of the sentence  
149 imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court.

150 Sec. 5. Section 53a-73a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
151 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

152 (a) A person is guilty of sexual assault in the fourth degree when: (1)  
153 Such person subjects another person to sexual contact who is (A) under  
154 thirteen years of age and the actor is more than two years older than  
155 such other person, or (B) thirteen years of age or older but under fifteen  
156 years of age and the actor is more than three years older than such other  
157 person, or (C) physically helpless, or (D) less than eighteen years old  
158 and the actor is such other person's guardian or otherwise responsible  
159 for the general supervision of such other person's welfare, or (E) in  
160 custody of law or detained in a hospital or other institution, the actor is  
161 employed by or contracted with the hospital or institution or an agency  
162 of the state and the actor has supervisory or disciplinary authority over  
163 such other person; or (2) such person subjects another person to sexual  
164 contact without such other person's consent; or (3) such person engages  
165 in sexual contact with a dead human body; or (4) such person is a  
166 psychotherapist and subjects another person to sexual contact who is  
167 (A) a patient of the actor and the sexual contact occurs during the  
168 psychotherapy session, or (B) a patient or former patient of the actor and  
169 such patient or former patient is emotionally dependent upon the actor,  
170 or (C) a patient or former patient of the actor and the sexual contact  
171 occurs by means of therapeutic deception; or (5) such person subjects  
172 another person to sexual contact and accomplishes the sexual contact by  
173 means of false representation that the sexual contact is for a bona fide  
174 medical purpose by a health care professional; or (6) such person is a  
175 school employee and subjects another person to sexual contact who is a  
176 student enrolled in a school in which the actor works or a school under  
177 the jurisdiction of the local or regional board of education which  
178 employs the actor; or (7) such person is a coach in an athletic activity or  
179 a person who provides intensive, ongoing instruction and subjects  
180 another person to sexual contact who is a recipient of coaching or  
181 instruction from the actor and (A) is a secondary school student and  
182 receives such coaching or instruction in a secondary school setting, or  
183 (B) is under eighteen years of age; or (8) such person subjects another  
184 person to sexual contact and (A) the actor is twenty years of age or older  
185 and stands in a position of power, authority or supervision over such

186 other person by virtue of the actor's professional, legal, occupational or  
187 volunteer status and such other person's participation in a program or  
188 activity, and (B) such other person is under eighteen years of age; or (9)  
189 such person subjects another person to sexual contact who is placed or  
190 receiving services under the direction of the Commissioner of  
191 Developmental Services in any public or private facility or program and  
192 the actor has supervisory or disciplinary authority over such other  
193 person.

194 (b) Sexual assault in the fourth degree is a class A misdemeanor or, if  
195 the victim of the offense is under sixteen years of age, a class D felony.

196 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2027,  
197 the Department of Correction shall enter into a contract with a provider  
198 to establish and maintain a confidential crisis hotline for correction  
199 officers and persons who are incarcerated in a correctional institution to  
200 call to report incidents of sexual violence. Not later than October 1, 2026,  
201 the department shall issue a request for proposals for purposes of  
202 selecting a provider outside of the department for such hotline. The  
203 department shall ensure that persons who are incarcerated can access  
204 such hotline at no charge, with no time limit, and confidentially without  
205 the supervision of, or permission from, any employee of the Department  
206 of Correction.

207 (b) Upon establishing such hotline, the department shall inform all  
208 existing correction officers of such hotline and thereafter shall inform  
209 any correction officers upon hiring of such hotline. The department shall  
210 post posters in each correctional institution to inform persons who are  
211 incarcerated how to access such hotline.

212 Sec. 7. Section 18-96a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
213 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

214 (a) When assessing and subsequently providing mental health  
215 services to any inmate confined in a correctional facility of the  
216 Department of Correction who has been diagnosed with a mental illness

217 by a psychiatrist licensed pursuant to chapter 370, and such psychiatrist  
218 has informed the department that such inmate is currently diagnosed  
219 by such psychiatrist to be a danger to himself or herself or others, the  
220 department shall consider the diagnosis of such psychiatrist in order to  
221 appropriately assess such inmate and provide individualized, clinically  
222 appropriate and culturally competent mental health services to treat  
223 such inmate's condition.

224 (b) (1) The Department of Correction, in consultation with the  
225 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, [may] shall  
226 develop a program for custodial staff members to receive not less than  
227 [four hours and not more than eight] ten hours of training on mental  
228 health issues each year. Within available appropriations, such training  
229 shall include, at a minimum: (A) Prevention of suicide and self-injury;  
230 (B) recognition of signs of mental illness; (C) communication skills for  
231 interacting with inmates with mental illness; and (D) alternatives to  
232 disciplinary action and the use of force when dealing with inmates with  
233 mental illness. Such program shall be offered: (i) Commencing on July  
234 1, 2009, to all custodial staff members at one or more correctional  
235 facilities designated by the Commissioner of Correction; (ii) on and after  
236 July 1, 2010, to all custodial staff members at one or more additional  
237 correctional facilities designated by the commissioner; and (iii) on and  
238 after July 1, 2011, to all custodial staff members at one or more additional  
239 correctional facilities designated by the commissioner. On and after  
240 January 1, 2027, such program shall also include trauma-informed  
241 interventions and practices.

242 (2) On and after [October 1, 2018] January 1, 2027, in addition to the  
243 requirements of subdivision (1) of this subsection, all custodial staff  
244 members at each correctional facility of the Department of Correction in  
245 which female inmates are confined [may, within available  
246 appropriations,] shall receive not less than four hours and not more than  
247 eight hours of training on gender-specific and trauma-related mental  
248 health issues faced by female inmates, including, but not limited to, the  
249 effects of sexual violence.

250 (c) Before the planned release of any inmate diagnosed with a mental  
251 illness as provided in subsection (a) of this section from a correctional  
252 facility, the Department of Correction shall collaborate with the Judicial  
253 Department, the Department of Social Services and the Department of  
254 Mental Health and Addiction Services, as deemed necessary and within  
255 available appropriations, to assist such inmate in obtaining housing,  
256 mental health treatment services, any public benefits for which the  
257 inmate is eligible and employment counseling upon the inmate's  
258 release.

259 (d) On February first of each year, the Commissioner of Correction  
260 shall submit a report to the joint standing committees of the General  
261 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary, public  
262 health and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in  
263 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a. Such report shall set  
264 forth (1) the number of inmates who have been determined to require  
265 mental health services during the previous calendar year, and (2) a  
266 description of program services provided by the Department of  
267 Correction and, if applicable, its contracted health services provider.

268 Sec. 8. Section 18-81 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
269 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

270 The Commissioner of Correction shall administer, coordinate and  
271 control the operations of the department and shall be responsible for the  
272 overall supervision and direction of all institutions, facilities and  
273 activities of the department. The commissioner shall establish rules for  
274 the administrative practices and custodial and rehabilitative methods of  
275 said institutions and facilities in accordance with recognized  
276 correctional standards. The commissioner shall establish, develop and  
277 maintain noninstitutional, community-based service programs and  
278 ensure that advocates from crisis centers from the region where each  
279 correctional institution is located have access to persons who are  
280 incarcerated to provide such services. The commissioner shall be  
281 responsible for the supervision of persons released on parole by the

282 Board of Pardons and Paroles. The commissioner shall be responsible  
283 for establishing disciplinary, diagnostic, classification, treatment,  
284 vocational and academic education, research and statistics, training and  
285 development services and programs throughout the department.  
286 Subject to the provisions of chapter 67, the commissioner shall appoint  
287 such professional, technical and other personnel as may be necessary for  
288 the efficient operation of the department. The commissioner shall  
289 organize and operate interinstitutional programs for the development  
290 and training of institution and facility staffs. The commissioner shall  
291 provide for the services of such chaplains as are necessary to minister to  
292 the needs of the inmates of department institutions and facilities. The  
293 commissioner shall, within available appropriations for such purpose,  
294 arrange for provision of legal assistance of a civil nature to indigent  
295 inmates of department institutions and facilities and legal  
296 representation for such inmates before administrative boards where  
297 permitted or constitutionally required.

298       Sec. 9. (*Effective from passage*) The Institute for Municipal and Regional  
299 Policy at The University of Connecticut, in consultation with the  
300 Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division within the Office of Policy  
301 and Management, shall conduct a staffing assessment study of  
302 custodial, program and administrative employees of the Department of  
303 Correction and recommend strategies to improve the management and  
304 administration of the department and facility operations with a goal of  
305 (1) identifying the appropriate staffing ratio relative to the number of  
306 correctional institutions and centers and inmates and community  
307 correction supervision programs and supervised population, (2)  
308 reducing costs related to overtime, incidents of employee injury and the  
309 rate of employee absenteeism, (3) improving employee health and job  
310 satisfaction, and (4) aligning with correctional best practices. Not later  
311 than January 1, 2027, the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy  
312 shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, in  
313 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
314 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having

315 cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and government  
316 oversight.

317       Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of  
318 Correction, jointly with the Institute of Municipal and Regional Policy  
319 at The University of Connecticut, shall develop a plan to phase in the  
320 correctional culture change initiative for all current and new employees.  
321 Such program shall include, but need not be limited to, the following  
322 elements: (1) Streamlining core responsibilities of staff and promoting a  
323 supportive work environment to reduce burnout and enhance morale,  
324 (2) implementing dynamic security principles to cultivate positive staff-  
325 to-persons who are incarcerated individual relationships, leading to a  
326 reduction in incidents and a safer environment, (3) introducing and  
327 managing programs and activities that mirror life outside of prison,  
328 improving the overall atmosphere and preparing persons who are  
329 incarcerated for reintegration into society, and (4) assessing and  
330 supporting the progress of persons who are incarcerated, particularly  
331 those with a history of problematic behavior, through targeted  
332 interventions and resources. Not later than January 1, 2027, the  
333 Department of Correction shall submit a preliminary plan to the joint  
334 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
335 matters relating to the judiciary and government oversight, in  
336 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

337       (b) The plan developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall  
338 include, but need not be limited to: (1) Training for all new employees  
339 at the Department of Correction training academy, (2) in-service  
340 training for current and future employees, (3) reduction in the use of  
341 lock-down as a management tool, (4) reduction in the rates of employee  
342 absenteeism, overtime and injury, (5) policies and procedures for  
343 improving outcomes for the Department of Correction employees and  
344 persons who are incarcerated, and (6) ongoing process and outcome  
345 evaluation and assessment.

346       (c) Not later than January 1, 2028, and annually thereafter until

347 January 1, 2032, the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy and the  
348 Department of Correction shall report on the implementation and  
349 outcomes of the correctional culture change initiative to the joint  
350 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
351 matters relating to the judiciary and government oversight, in  
352 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

353 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

354 (1) "Person who is incarcerated" means a person in the custody of the  
355 Department of Correction and confined in a correctional institution;

356 (2) "Correctional institution" means a prison or jail under the  
357 jurisdiction of the Department of Correction;

358 (3) "Detainee" means a person who is under the age of twenty-one  
359 years and detained in a juvenile facility under the jurisdiction of the  
360 Department of Correction or the Department of Children and Families;

361 (4) "Sexual contact" means (A) any contact with the intimate parts of  
362 a person for the purpose of sexual gratification of the actor or for the  
363 purpose of degrading or humiliating such person or any contact of the  
364 intimate parts of the actor with a person for the purpose of sexual  
365 gratification of the actor or for the purpose of degrading or humiliating  
366 such person;

367 (5) "Sexual abuse" means (A) any sexual contact between a person  
368 who is incarcerated or a detainee and an employee of the Department of  
369 Correction, regardless of such person's or detainee's ability to consent;  
370 and

371 (6) "Sexual assault" means any act that constitutes a violation of  
372 section 53a-70b of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to  
373 January 1, 2019, or section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or  
374 53a-73a of the general statutes.

375 (b) Any Department of Correction employee who, while acting in

376 such employee's official capacity, witnesses another Department of  
377 Correction employee use what the witnessing employee objectively  
378 knows to be sexual abuse, sexual assault or sexual contact toward a  
379 person who is incarcerated or a detainee shall intervene and attempt to  
380 stop such other employee. Any such employee who fails to intervene in  
381 such an incident may be prosecuted and punished for the same acts in  
382 accordance with the provisions of section 53a-8 of the general statutes  
383 as the employee who sexually abused, sexually assaulted or had sexual  
384 contact with a person who is incarcerated or a detainee.

385 (c) Any employee who witnesses an incident described in subsection  
386 (b) of this section shall report, as soon as is practicable, such incident to  
387 the Department of Correction. Any employee required to report such an  
388 incident who fails to do so may be prosecuted and punished in  
389 accordance with the provisions of sections 53a-165 to 53a-167, inclusive,  
390 of the general statutes. Immediately upon receiving such a report, the  
391 Commissioner of Correction shall report such incident to the nearest  
392 local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the incident.

393 (d) The Department of Correction may not take any retaliatory  
394 personnel action or discriminate against such employee who intervenes  
395 in an incident pursuant to subsection (b) of this section or reports an  
396 incident pursuant to subsection (c) of this section because such  
397 employee made such report and such intervening or reporting  
398 correctional employee shall be protected by the provisions of section 4-  
399 61dd of the general statutes or section 31-51m of the general statutes, as  
400 applicable.

401 (e) The Department of Correction shall create and maintain a record  
402 detailing any incident (1) reported pursuant to subsection (c) of this  
403 section, or (2) otherwise made known to the department during which  
404 a department employee sexually abused, sexually assaulted or had  
405 sexual contact with a person who is incarcerated or detained. Such  
406 record shall include, but not be limited to: The name of the employee,  
407 the time and place of the incident, a description of what occurred during

408 the incident and, to the extent known, the names of the victims and  
409 witnesses present at such incident, the results of any investigation  
410 conducted and any corrective action taken by the department.

411 (f) Not later than February 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the  
412 Department of Correction shall prepare and submit a report concerning  
413 incidents described in subsection (e) of this section during the preceding  
414 calendar year to the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division  
415 within the Office of Policy and Management. Such report shall include  
416 the records described in subsection (e) of this section and shall be  
417 submitted electronically using a standardized method and form  
418 disseminated by the division. The standardized method and form shall  
419 allow compilation of statistics on each incident of sexual abuse, assault  
420 or contact, including, but not limited to, (1) the race and gender of the  
421 alleged victim of the sexual abuse, assault or contact, provided the  
422 identification of such characteristics shall be based on the observation  
423 and perception of the employee, (2) the number of times such victim was  
424 sexually abused, assaulted or contacted, and (3) any injury suffered by  
425 such alleged victim. The Department of Correction shall, prior to  
426 submission of any such report pursuant to this subsection, redact any  
427 information from such report that may identify a minor, witness or  
428 victim.

429 (g) The Office of Policy and Management shall, within available  
430 appropriations, review incidents of sexual abuse, assault or contact  
431 reported pursuant to subsection (f) of this section. Not later than  
432 December 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the office shall report, in  
433 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
434 the results of any such review, including any recommendations, to the  
435 Governor and the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint  
436 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
437 matters relating to the judiciary and government oversight.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	18-81cc
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	53a-71
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	53a-73a
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	18-96a
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	18-81
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To institute various measures in correctional institutions concerning the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse incidents, including establishing a hotline for the reporting of such incidents, requiring additional training for correctional officers, modifying the crimes of sexual assault in the second and fourth degree, requiring the Department of Correction to submit additional legislative reports and penalizing Department of Correction employee failure to intervene or report sexual abuse, sexual assault or sexual contact.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*