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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 26-117—SB 391**

*Judiciary Committee*

**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 act 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. (York Correctional Institution in Niantic is currently the state's only correctional institution for female offenders.)

The act also allows DOC, if it cannot 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 Act*

PA 26-40, as amended by PA 26-130, §§ 6, 7 & 17, makes several changes related to DOC's delivery of health care services, staffing, and related matters, such as creating a pilot program to help with discharge planning and related care coordination for people being released from York Correctional Institution.