

Department of Correction

DOC88000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund	5,952	5,966	5,966	5,966	5,966	5,966	5,966

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Personal Services	461,662,139	448,242,504	446,837,256	470,744,513	470,744,513	470,144,513	470,144,513
Other Expenses	86,030,812	89,172,425	72,751,901	86,235,886	86,235,886	86,348,616	89,528,616
Other Current Expenses							
Stress Management	14,076	4,685	-	-	-	-	-
Inmate Medical Services	125,579,910	139,908,878	130,559,989	145,129,165	145,129,165	145,629,165	150,129,165
Board of Pardons and Paroles	6,096,236	5,805,266	7,702,157	6,822,490	6,822,490	6,822,490	6,822,490
STRIDE	73,342	-	80,181	80,181	80,181	80,181	80,181
HITEC	-	-	-	-	-	620,645	644,174
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Aid to Paroled and Discharged Inmates	150	150	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Legal Services To Prisoners	764,831	796,999	797,000	797,000	797,000	797,000	797,000
Volunteer Services	52,340	56,445	87,725	87,725	87,725	87,725	87,725
Community Support Services	42,427,852	43,332,608	46,869,958	48,066,468	48,066,468	47,566,468	47,566,468
Reentry Centers	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500,000
Agency Total - General Fund	722,701,688	727,319,960	705,689,167	757,966,428	757,966,428	758,099,803	767,303,332

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Continue Funding for Electronic Messaging by Inmates

Other Expenses	(3,500,000)	(3,500,000)	-	-	3,500,000	3,500,000
Total - General Fund	(3,500,000)	(3,500,000)	-	-	3,500,000	3,500,000

Background

PA 21-54, *An Act Concerning Communication Services in Correctional and Juvenile Detention Facilities*, made certain inmate communications free of charge and prohibited the state from receiving revenue from these services beginning in FY 23. PA 21-2, JSS, *An Act Concerning Provisions Related to Revenue and Other Items to Implement the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2023*, appropriated \$3.5 million to the Department of Correction to provide funding for this purpose.

PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 Budget, appropriated an additional \$592,000 and added 10 correctional officer positions to assist with inmate telephone and messaging security and monitoring due to increased call volumes.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$3.5 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 for subsidized inmate electronic messaging.

Legislative

Continue funding of \$3.5 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 for subsidized inmate electronic messaging.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Reduce Funding to Reflect Overtime Spending Reduction Plan

Personal Services	(2,288,556)	(2,288,556)	(2,288,556)	(2,288,556)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(2,288,556)	(2,288,556)	(2,288,556)	(2,288,556)	-	-

Background

In the past 10 fiscal years, the Department of Correction has worked an average of 1.75 million hours of overtime annually, spending an average of \$77.6 million annually. In FY 24, DOC worked 1.9 million hours and spent \$92.7 million on overtime under Personal Services.

Governor

Reduce funding of \$2,288,556 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect anticipated savings from DOC's Overtime Spending Reduction Plan which aims to reduce overtime by 47,250 hours.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Reentry Centers

Reentry Centers	-	-	-	1,500,000	-	1,500,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	1,500,000	-	1,500,000

Background

Funding will be used to support existing reentry centers in Hartford, Waterbury, Bridgeport, New Haven, New London, and New Britain.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$1.5 million in FY 27 to support Reentry Centers.

Transfer GPS Monitoring Funding from DAS to DOC

Other Expenses	811,617	811,617	811,617	811,617	-	-
Total - General Fund	811,617	811,617	811,617	811,617	-	-

Governor

Transfer funding of \$811,617 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to DOC for the cost of the GPS monitoring contract.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Transfer Funding for EMERGE CT to the Judicial Department

Community Support Services	-	-	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)
Total - General Fund	-	-	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)

Background

EMERGE CT is a construction training program that supports formerly incarcerated individuals.

Legislative

Transfer funding of \$500,000 from the Department of Correction (DOC) to the Judicial Department for EMERGE CT in FY 26 and FY 27.

Provide Funding for Body Scanners Pilot

Other Expenses	-	-	320,000	-	320,000	-
Total - General Fund	-	-	320,000	-	320,000	-

Legislative

Provide funding of \$320,000 in FY 26 for the purchase and installation of body scanners in correctional facilities.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Provide Funding for the HITEC Program

Other Expenses	-	-	(507,270)	(507,270)	(507,270)	(507,270)
HITEC	-	-	620,645	644,174	620,645	644,174
Total - General Fund	-	-	113,375	136,904	113,375	136,904

Background

The Health Improvement Through Employee Control (HITEC) program within the University of Connecticut Healthcare Center, which is funded by DOC through an MOU, assists correction officers with their mental health, stress reduction, sleep hygiene, and officer mentoring.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$113,375 in FY 26 and \$136,904 in FY 27 and transfer funding of \$507,270 in FY 26 and FY 27 from Other Expenses to HITEC to support the HITEC program.

Current Services

Annualize FY 25 Deficiencies

Personal Services	5,100,000	5,100,000	4,500,000	4,500,000	(600,000)	(600,000)
Other Expenses	16,000,000	16,000,000	12,800,000	16,300,000	(3,200,000)	300,000
Inmate Medical Services	11,000,000	11,000,000	11,500,000	16,000,000	500,000	5,000,000
Total - General Fund	32,100,000	32,100,000	28,800,000	36,800,000	(3,300,000)	4,700,000

Governor

Provide funding of \$32.1 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect annualization of the agency's FY 25 deficiency.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$28.8 million in FY 26 and \$36.8 million in FY 27 to reflect annualization of the agency's FY 25 deficiency.

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	21,095,813	21,095,813	21,095,813	21,095,813	-	-
Inmate Medical Services	3,569,176	3,569,176	3,569,176	3,569,176	-	-
Board of Pardons and Paroles	270,333	270,333	270,333	270,333	-	-
Total - General Fund	24,935,322	24,935,322	24,935,322	24,935,322	-	-

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$24,935,322 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

Other Expenses	172,368	172,368	172,368	172,368	-	-
Community Support Services	1,196,510	1,196,510	1,196,510	1,196,510	-	-
Total - General Fund	1,368,878	1,368,878	1,368,878	1,368,878	-	-

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veteran's Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,368,878 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Board of Pardons and Paroles	(1,150,000)	(1,150,000)	(1,150,000)	(1,150,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(1,150,000)	(1,150,000)	(1,150,000)	(1,150,000)	-	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1.15 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current requirements of the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	705,689,167	705,689,167	705,689,167	705,689,167	-	-
Policy Revisions	(4,976,939)	(4,976,939)	(1,543,564)	(340,035)	3,433,375	4,636,904
Current Services	57,254,200	57,254,200	53,954,200	61,954,200	(3,300,000)	4,700,000
Total Recommended - GF	757,966,428	757,966,428	758,099,803	767,303,332	133,375	9,336,904