

General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6515



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by: REP. ROCHELLE, 104th Dist.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING SAFE STAFFING COMMITTEES FOR EACH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

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

1 That title 18 of the general statutes be amended to establish safe 2 staffing committees: (1) For (A) each adult correctional facility 3 composed of the warden of each facility, one deputy warden, one 4 captain, one lieutenant, two line officers with at least five years of 5 experience, one counseling supervisor, one counselor, one nursing 6 supervisor, two nurses, one facility physician, one licensed social 7 worker, one addictions services specialist, one teacher and one technical 8 job trainer, or their designees, and the Corrections Ombuds or the 9 ombuds' designee, and (B) each youth facility, which shall include the 10 membership described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and two 11 staff members of the Department of Children and Families; (2) for which 12 members shall be selected by the warden unless the job category has 13 unionized members, in which case the union shall decide which 14 member to appoint to the staffing committee; (3) that shall establish safe 15 officer post standards and safe staffing standards by shift for all job titles

- 16 they represent to meet facility needs and promote a safe environment
- 17 and positive outcomes; and (4) that shall report such standards to the
- 18 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
- 19 matters relating to the Department of Correction.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish safe staffing committees for each correctional facility within the state to develop safe officer post standards and safe staffing standards by shift for all job titles they represent to meet facility needs and promote a safe environment and positive outcomes.