



General Assembly

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM CONCERNING THE USE OF BODY SCANNING MACHINES IN CERTAIN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND REQUIRING REPORTS CONCERNING STRIP AND CAVITY SEARCHES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than December 31, 2025,
2 the Commissioner of Correction shall (1) purchase at least two body
3 scanning machines, and install at least one at the York Correctional
4 Institution and at least one at the John R. Manson Youth Institution,
5 Cheshire, and (2) establish a pilot program and directives that prioritize
6 using such machines to inspect persons who are incarcerated in said
7 institutions in lieu of correctional personnel conducting strip searches
8 or cavity searches when such searches are typically performed,
9 according to the existing directives. As part of such pilot program, the
10 commissioner shall train correctional personnel in the use of such
11 machines and collect data concerning such use.

12 (b) Not later than February 15, 2027, the Commissioner of Correction
13 shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
14 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
15 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and
16 government oversight. Such report shall include, but need not be
17 limited to, (1) the total number of body scans performed by the body

18 scanning machines during the 2026 calendar year based upon the reason
19 for the scan, by month, (2) the number of strip or cavity searches
20 conducted during the 2026 calendar year, by month, (3) the total number
21 of such body scans that discovered contraband material, by month, (4)
22 the types and material of contraband discovered during such period,
23 differentiated by the type of search or scan performed, (5) the use of any
24 additional screening subsequent to the implementation of the body
25 scanning machines, including a strip search, placement on a dry cell
26 watch, urinalysis or medical assessment to confirm contraband was not
27 present, and (6) any recommendations for legislative changes based
28 upon the results of such pilot program.

29 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than February 15, 2026, the
30 Commissioner of Correction shall submit a report, in accordance with
31 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
32 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
33 matters relating to the judiciary and government oversight. Such report
34 shall include an evaluation of current directives and procedures for strip
35 searches and cavity searches in correctional institutions in the state
36 compared to other states in the northeastern region and federal policies,
37 based on the type of institution, and highlight any differences in such
38 directives and procedures.

39 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) For the purposes described in
40 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the
41 power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state
42 in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the
43 aggregate five hundred thousand dollars.

44 (b) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the amount
45 stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Department
46 of Correction for the purpose of purchasing two body scanning
47 machines, installing such machines and training corrections staff on
48 their use in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of this act.

49 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise

50 of any right or power granted thereby, that are not inconsistent with the
51 provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all
52 bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this
53 section. Temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived
54 from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in
55 accordance with section 3-20 of the general statutes and from time to
56 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
57 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
58 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
59 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of such bonds shall be
60 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
61 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization that is signed
62 by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
63 and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its
64 discretion, may require. Such bonds issued pursuant to this section shall
65 be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state
66 of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and
67 interest on such bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as
68 part of the contract of the state with the holders of such bonds,
69 appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such
70 principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay
71 such principal and interest as the same become due.

72 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On or before January 1, 2026, and
73 annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Correction shall submit a
74 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
75 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
76 having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and government
77 oversight, concerning the conduct of strip and cavity searches in such
78 facilities. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) The
79 number of strip searches and cavity searches of persons who are
80 incarcerated that have occurred during the prior calendar year,
81 disaggregated by correctional facility, (2) whether there have been any
82 lawsuits filed concerning such strip searches or cavity searches during
83 the year immediately preceding such report and, if so, the status or

84 outcome of such lawsuits, and (3) a copy of the current policy
85 concerning the conduct of such searches, including any training
86 requirements for correctional officers concerning the conduct of such
87 searches.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(a)(1) and (b)(5), "body scanner" was changed to "body scanning" for consistency, and in Section 4(1), "broken out" was changed to "disaggregated" for clarity.

GOS *Joint Favorable Subst.*