



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 7186**

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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:		
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

**GOS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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