

General Assembly

Proposed Bill No. 826

January Session, 2025



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by: SEN. COHEN, 12th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF IMMEDIATE MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTIONS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

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 require the
- 2 Department of Correction to implement an intensive mental health
- 3 treatment program for individuals in custody immediately after arrest,
- 4 providing immediate, evidence-based mental health interventions
- 5 delivered by an interdisciplinary team of mental health professionals.

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure individuals entering the custody of the Department of Correction receive timely and effective mental health care, mitigating the long-term impact of untreated mental illness on incarcerated individuals and society as a whole.

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