



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1543

January Session, 2025



AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 18-81pp of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Advanced practice registered nurse" means an advanced practice
5 registered nurse licensed under chapter 373;

6 (2) "Alcohol and drug counselor" means an alcohol and drug
7 counselor licensed or certified under chapter 376b;

8 (3) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Correction;

9 (4) "Correctional institution" means a prison or jail under the
10 jurisdiction of the commissioner;

11 (5) "Dental professional" means a (A) dentist, (B) dental hygienist
12 licensed under chapter 379a, or (C) dental assistant, as defined in section
13 20-112a;

14 (6) "Dentist" means a dentist licensed under chapter 379;

15 (7) "Department" means the Department of Correction;

16 (8) "Discharge planner" means a (A) registered nurse licensed under
17 chapter 378, (B) practical nurse licensed under chapter 378, (C) clinical
18 social worker or master social worker licensed under chapter 383b, or
19 (D) professional counselor licensed under chapter 383c;

20 (9) "HIV test" means a test to determine human immunodeficiency
21 virus infection or antibodies to human immunodeficiency virus;

22 [(10) "Inmate" means a person in the custody of the commissioner and
23 confined in a correctional institution;]

24 [(11)] (10) "Medical professional" means (A) a physician, (B) an
25 advanced practice registered nurse, (C) a physician assistant, (D) a
26 registered nurse licensed under chapter 378, or (E) a practical nurse
27 licensed under chapter 378;

28 [(12)] (11) "Mental health care provider" means (A) a physician who
29 specializes in psychiatry, or (B) an advanced practice registered nurse
30 who specializes in mental health;

31 [(13)] (12) "Mental health therapist" means (A) a physician who
32 specializes in psychiatry, (B) a psychologist licensed under chapter 383,
33 (C) an advanced practice registered nurse who specializes in mental
34 health, (D) a clinical social worker or master social worker licensed
35 under chapter 383b, or (E) a professional counselor licensed under
36 chapter 383c;

37 [(14)] (13) "Physician" means a physician licensed under chapter 370;

38 [(15)] (14) "Physician assistant" means a physician assistant licensed
39 under chapter 370; and

40 [(16)] (15) "Psychotropic medication" means a medication that is used
41 to treat a mental health disorder that affects behavior, mood, thoughts
42 or perception.

43 (b) Not later than [January 1, 2023] October 1, 2025, the commissioner
44 shall develop a plan for the provision of health care services, including,

45 but not limited to, mental health care, substance use disorder and dental
46 care services, to [inmates of correctional facilities] persons who are
47 incarcerated under the jurisdiction of the department. Such plan shall
48 [include, but not be limited to, guidelines for implementation of the
49 following requirements] ensure, at a minimum, that:

50 (1) (A) [A] There is a sufficient number of mental health therapists, as
51 determined by the commissioner, [shall be placed] at each correctional
52 institution to provide mental health care services to [inmates] persons
53 who are incarcerated;

54 (B) [A] There is a mental health therapist placed at a correctional
55 institution [shall] to provide mental health care services to any [inmate]
56 person who is incarcerated who requests such services or has been
57 referred for such services by correctional staff only after the therapist
58 makes an assessment of the [inmate's] person's need for such services
59 and determines that the [inmate] person requires such services;

60 (C) Each mental health therapist shall deliver such services in concert
61 with the security needs of all [inmates] persons who are incarcerated
62 and correctional staff and the overall operation of the correctional
63 institution, as determined by the warden of the correctional institution;
64 and

65 (D) No mental health therapist who is providing mental health care
66 services pursuant to this subdivision and licensed to prescribe
67 medication shall prescribe a psychotropic medication to [an inmate] a
68 person who is incarcerated unless (i) the mental health therapist has
69 reviewed the mental health history and medical history of the [inmate]
70 person, including, but not limited to, the list of all medications the
71 [inmate] person is taking, (ii) the mental health therapist determines,
72 based on a review of such history, that the benefits of prescribing such
73 medication outweigh the risk of prescribing such medication, (iii) the
74 mental health therapist diagnoses the [inmate] person with a mental
75 health disorder, the [inmate] person has received a previous diagnosis
76 of a mental health disorder by a licensed mental health care provider

77 and such medication is used to treat such mental health disorder, or, in
78 an emergency situation, the mental health therapist makes an
79 assessment that the inmate's mental health is substantially impaired and
80 requires psychotropic medication to treat, (iv) the mental health
81 therapist approves the use of such medication by the [inmate] person as
82 part of the [inmate's] person's mental health treatment plan, and (v) the
83 mental health therapist keeps a record of each psychotropic medication
84 such provider prescribes to the [inmate] person and all other
85 medications the [inmate] person is taking.

86 (2) Each [inmate] person who is incarcerated shall receive an annual
87 physical examination by a physician, physician assistant or advanced
88 practice registered nurse when such examination is clinically indicated.
89 Such examination may include, but not be limited to, a breast and
90 gynecological examination or prostate examination, where appropriate,
91 and the administration of any test the physician, physician assistant or
92 advanced practice registered nurse deems appropriate.

93 (3) Each [inmate] person who is incarcerated shall receive an initial
94 health assessment from a medical professional not later than fourteen
95 days after the [inmate's] person's initial intake into a correctional
96 institution.

97 (4) If a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered
98 nurse recommends, based on the initial health assessment of [an inmate
99 or] a person who is incarcerated or other person, that such [inmate or]
100 person who is incarcerated or other person be placed in a medical or
101 mental health housing unit, the department shall ensure that such
102 [inmate or] person who is incarcerated or other person is placed in an
103 appropriate medical or mental health housing unit unless there are
104 significant safety or security reasons for not making such placement.

105 (5) A medical professional shall perform health assessments of
106 [inmates] persons who are incarcerated in a location at the correctional
107 institution that the warden of the correctional institution designates as
108 appropriate for performing such an examination, provided the analysis

109 of any sample collected from the [inmate] person who is incarcerated
110 during a health assessment may be performed at a laboratory that is
111 located outside of the correctional institution.

112 (6) A discharge planner shall conduct an exit interview of each
113 [inmate] person who is incarcerated who is being scheduled for
114 discharge from a correctional institution prior to the date of discharge if
115 such exit interview is clinically indicated, provided the lack of such exit
116 interview shall not delay the scheduled discharge of [an inmate] a
117 person who is incarcerated. Such exit interview shall include a
118 discussion with the [inmate] person regarding a medical discharge plan
119 for any continued medical care or treatment that is recommended by the
120 physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse for
121 the [inmate] person when the [inmate] person reenters the community.

122 (7) A physician shall be on call on weekends, holidays and outside
123 regular work hours to provide medical care to [inmates] persons who
124 are incarcerated as necessary.

125 (8) The commissioner shall ensure that each [inmate] person who is
126 incarcerated has access to all vaccines licensed or authorized under an
127 emergency use authorization by the federal Food and Drug
128 Administration that are recommended by the National Centers for
129 Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization
130 Practices, subject to availability of such vaccines, unless there are
131 substantial security concerns with providing access to such vaccines.
132 Subject to availability, a physician, physician assistant or advanced
133 practice registered nurse shall prescribe to [an inmate] a person who is
134 incarcerated any such vaccine that (A) the [inmate] person requests, and
135 (B) is recommended for such [inmate] person by said committee, as
136 determined by the physician, physician assistant or advanced practice
137 registered nurse, provided the prescribing of such vaccine does not
138 impose significant safety concerns.

139 (9) Except in exigent circumstances, a dental professional shall
140 perform a dental screening of each [inmate] person who is incarcerated

141 not later than one year after the [inmate] person initially enters a
142 correctional institution and at least once annually thereafter. At the time
143 the dental professional performs the dental screening of [an inmate] a
144 person who is incarcerated, the dental professional shall develop a
145 dental care plan for the [inmate] person. A dental professional shall
146 provide dental care in accordance with the [inmate's] person's dental
147 care plan throughout the [inmate's] person's time at the correctional
148 institution. The commissioner shall ensure, in consultation with a
149 dentist, that each correctional institution has a dental examination room
150 that is fully equipped with all of the dental equipment necessary to
151 perform a dental examination.

152 (10) A medical professional shall administer an HIV test to each
153 [inmate] person who is incarcerated who requests an HIV test, subject
154 to the availability of such test. Except in exigent circumstances and
155 subject to availability, a medical professional shall offer an HIV test to
156 each [inmate] person who is incarcerated where it is clinically indicated
157 (A) at the time such [inmate] person enters a correctional institution, or
158 (B) during an annual physical assessment.

159 (11) A medical professional shall interview each [inmate] person who
160 is incarcerated regarding [the inmate's] such person's drug and alcohol
161 use and mental health history at the time the [inmate] person initially
162 enters a correctional institution. If [an inmate] the person is exhibiting
163 symptoms of withdrawal from a drug or alcohol or mental distress at
164 such time, a medical professional shall perform a physical and mental
165 health assessment of the [inmate] person and communicate the results
166 of such assessment to a physician, physician assistant or advanced
167 practice registered nurse, and a mental health care provider or mental
168 health therapist, if applicable. Except in exigent circumstances, a drug
169 and alcohol counselor shall perform an evaluation of the [inmate]
170 person not later than five days after the [inmate] the person initially
171 enters the correctional institution. (A) The correctional institution shall
172 immediately transfer each [inmate] such person who is determined by a
173 physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse to
174 be experiencing withdrawal from a drug or alcohol to an appropriate

175 area at such correctional institution for medical treatment of such
176 withdrawal. A physician, a physician assistant or an advanced practice
177 registered nurse shall periodically evaluate each [inmate who] person
178 who is incarcerated and exhibits signs of or discloses an addiction to a
179 drug or alcohol or who experiences withdrawal from a drug or alcohol,
180 at a frequency deemed appropriate by the physician, physician assistant
181 or advanced practice registered nurse. (B) In the case of a person who is
182 determined at the time of such person's intake into a correctional
183 institution to be in need of mental health services, such person shall be
184 provided evidence-based mental health interventions delivered by an
185 interdisciplinary team of mental health care providers and mental
186 health therapists within a reasonable amount of time after such
187 determination of need, but in no case later than twenty-four hours
188 following such determination. Such person shall be periodically
189 evaluated by a mental health care provider or mental health therapist
190 and provided such services, as needed.

191 (12) A physician, a physician assistant or an advanced practice
192 registered nurse with experience in substance use disorder diagnosis
193 and treatment shall oversee the medical treatment of [an inmate] a
194 person who is incarcerated experiencing withdrawal from a drug or
195 alcohol at each correctional institution. A medical professional shall be
196 present in the medical unit at each correctional facility at all times
197 during the provision of medical treatment to such [inmate] person.

198 (13) A drug and alcohol counselor shall offer appropriate substance
199 use disorder counseling services, including, but not limited to,
200 individual counseling sessions and group counseling sessions, to [an
201 inmate who] a person who is incarcerated and exhibits signs of or
202 discloses an addiction to a drug or alcohol and encourage such [inmate]
203 person to participate in at least one counselling session. At the time of
204 [an inmate's] discharge of a person who is incarcerated from the
205 correctional institution, a discharge planner may refer [an inmate] any
206 such person who has exhibited signs of or disclosed an addiction to a
207 drug or alcohol while [an inmate] incarcerated at such correctional
208 institution to a substance use disorder treatment program in the

209 community that is deemed appropriate for the [inmate] person by such
210 discharge planner.

211 (14) The York Correctional Institution shall provide each [inmate who
212 is] pregnant woman who is incarcerated and drug or alcohol-
213 dependent, with information regarding the dangers of undergoing
214 withdrawal from the drug or alcohol without medical treatment, the
215 importance of receiving medical treatment during the second trimester
216 of pregnancy for withdrawal from the drug or alcohol and the effects of
217 neonatal abstinence syndrome on a newborn.

218 (15) The York Correctional Institution shall provide each [inmate who
219 is] pregnant woman who is incarcerated prenatal visits at a frequency
220 determined by an obstetrician to be consistent with community
221 standards for prenatal visits.

222 (16) The department shall issue a request for information to which a
223 school of medicine may apply for purposes of providing practical
224 training at correctional institutions as part of a medical residency
225 program, through which residents participating in such program may
226 provide health care services to [inmates] persons who are incarcerated.

227 (c) Not later than [February 1, 2023] October 1, 2025, the
228 commissioner shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section
229 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
230 cognizance of matters relating to public health and the judiciary
231 regarding the plan developed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section,
232 recommendations for any legislation necessary to implement such plan
233 and the department's timeline for implementation of such plan,
234 provided the commissioner implements the provisions of subparagraph
235 (B) of subdivision (11) of subsection (b) of this section not later than
236 January 1, 2026.

237 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) The Commissioner of
238 Correction shall provide palatable and nutritious meals to each person
239 in the custody of the commissioner. Under no circumstances shall the
240 commissioner permit such persons to be fed nutraloaf as a form of

241 discipline or any other punitive diet.

242 (b) For purposes of this section, "nutrалоaf" means a mixture of foods
243 blended together and baked into a solid loaf and "punitive diet" means
244 a diet that is used for punishment purposes.

245 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) The Commissioner of
246 Correction shall ensure that each person in the custody of the
247 commissioner is provided with a form enabling such person to
248 authorize another person to access such person's medical records that
249 are otherwise subject to nondisclosure under the federal Health
250 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, as
251 amended from time to time.

252 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than one year after the
253 effective date of this section, the Commissioner of Correction, in
254 consultation with the Correction Ombuds appointed pursuant to section
255 18-81jj of the general statutes, shall publish on the Internet web site
256 operated by the Department of Correction, the report commissioned by
257 the department in 2017 under contract with an institute concerned with
258 criminal justice, for the purpose of identifying and examining the most
259 extreme cases of medical malpractice and neglect experienced by
260 persons in the custody of the commissioner. Such published report shall
261 include all addenda and have personal identifying information
262 redacted.

263 (b) The commissioner shall notify any living person, or if deceased,
264 the next-of-kin of such person whose case is identified in the report
265 described pursuant to subsection (a) of this section of the publication of
266 such report. As part of such notification, the department shall include
267 all documentation concerning such person's case, including, but not
268 limited to, the entire medical file, security division investigation reports,
269 morbidity and mortality reports, documentation from the utilization
270 review committee and electronic mail related to the case.

271 (c) Not later than one year after the effective date of this section, the
272 Commissioner of Correction, in consultation with the Correction

273 Ombuds, shall report on actions taken to fulfill the requirements of this
274 section to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
275 cognizance of matters relating to the Department of Correction, in
276 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

277 Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of
278 section 4-148 of the general statutes concerning time limitations to file a
279 claim against the state and any other provision of the general statutes, a
280 person shall have one year after the date of notification pursuant to
281 subsection (b) of section 4 of this act to pursue a claim based on
282 information contained in the report described in subsection (a) of section
283 4 of this act. Upon filing of any such claim with the Office of the Claims
284 Commissioner, established pursuant to section 4-142 of the general
285 statutes, permission to sue the state shall be deemed granted for such
286 claim. Any such action shall be limited to medical malpractice or
287 negligence claims only and any such action shall be deemed a suit
288 otherwise authorized by law in accordance with subsection (a) of section
289 4-142 of the general statutes.

290 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes concerning
291 any statute of limitations to bring an action in negligence or malpractice,
292 a claimant for whom permission to sue is deemed granted under
293 subsection (a) of this section for a particular claim may bring an action
294 on such claim in the Superior Court not later than one year after the date
295 of notification pursuant to subsection (b) of section 4 of this act.

296 Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) Upon publication of the report pursuant
297 to subsection (a) of section 4 of this act, the Commissioner of Correction
298 shall forward all documentation described in subsection (b) of said
299 section for each case in such published report to the Commissioner of
300 Public Health. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 20-13e of the
301 general statutes, not later than one hundred eighty days after receipt of
302 such documentation, the Commissioner of Public Health shall open an
303 investigation into each such case. Each such case shall be investigated
304 by an independent medical examiner or a peer-to-peer review specialist.
305 Not later than three hundred sixty-five days after receipt of such

306 documentation, the Commissioner of Public Health shall identify what,
307 if any, disciplinary action is to be taken against a physician determined
308 to have committed a violation subject to disciplinary action under
309 chapter 370 of the general statutes.

310 Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Administrative
311 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Correction, shall
312 study the feasibility of relocating the New Haven Correctional Center
313 on Whalley Avenue and the Bridgeport Correctional Center, to locations
314 that would create fewer impacts on neighborhoods. Such study shall
315 include (1) an assessment of the practicality and potential impacts of
316 each proposed relocation, and (2) a listing of potential sites for each
317 proposed relocation, including a comparison of any advantages or
318 disadvantages each proposed site may have when compared to the
319 current site for each such facility. Not later than February 1, 2026, the
320 Commissioner of Administrative Services shall submit such study, in
321 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
322 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
323 cognizance of matters relating to the Department of Correction.

324 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) The Commissioner of
325 Correction shall ensure that each correctional facility under the
326 commissioner's jurisdiction is staffed at a level to ensure the safety of
327 the staff who work at each such facility, visitors and contractors who
328 enter each such facility and persons who are incarcerated at each such
329 facility.

330 (b) Not later than January 1, 2026, the commissioner shall develop
331 and actively employ a program for the recruitment and retention of
332 correctional officers.

333 (c) Not later than January 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the
334 commissioner shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section
335 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the
336 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
337 Department of Correction on efforts to comply with subsections (a) and

338 (b) of this section, including any shortcomings in such compliance. Such
339 report may include recommendations for additional resources needed
340 to achieve such compliance.

341 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) The Commissioner of
342 Correction shall ensure that persons who are incarcerated have access
343 to and engage in productive programming, including, but not limited
344 to, employment opportunities, education courses and vocational
345 training. Such programming shall be available for incarcerated persons
346 to access during out-of-cell time. Access to such programming shall be
347 prioritized for those incarcerated persons who are not sentenced to a
348 term of life imprisonment without the possibility of release.

349 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of
350 Correction shall develop a protocol for full documentation of any
351 assault by a person who is incarcerated on custodial staff. On and after
352 October 1, 2025, each such assault shall be documented in accordance
353 with such protocol.

354 Sec. 11. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than December 31, 2025,
355 the Commissioner of Correction shall (1) purchase at least two body
356 scanning machines, and install at least one at the York Correctional
357 Institution and at least one at the John R. Manson Youth Institution,
358 Cheshire, and (2) establish a pilot program and directives that prioritize
359 using such machines to inspect (A) persons who are incarcerated in said
360 institutions in lieu of correctional personnel conducting strip searches
361 or cavity searches when such searches are typically performed,
362 according to the existing directives, and (B) any person entering said
363 institutions. As part of such pilot program, the commissioner shall train
364 correctional personnel in the use of such machines and collect data
365 concerning such use.

366 (b) Not later than February 15, 2027, the Commissioner of Correction
367 shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
368 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
369 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and

370 government oversight. Such report shall include, but need not be
371 limited to, (1) the total number of body scans performed by the body
372 scanning machines during the 2026 calendar year based upon the reason
373 for the scan, by month, (2) the number of strip or cavity searches
374 conducted during the 2026 calendar year, by month, (3) the total number
375 of such body scans that discovered contraband material, by month, (4)
376 the types and material of contraband discovered during such period,
377 differentiated by the type of search or scan performed, (5) the use of any
378 additional screening subsequent to the implementation of the body
379 scanning machines, including a strip search, placement on a dry cell
380 watch, urinalysis or medical assessment to confirm contraband was not
381 present, and (6) any recommendations for legislative changes based
382 upon the results of such pilot program.

383 Sec. 12. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than February 15, 2026, the
384 Commissioner of Correction shall submit a report, in accordance with
385 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
386 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
387 matters relating to the judiciary and government oversight. Such report
388 shall include an evaluation of current directives and procedures for strip
389 searches and cavity searches in correctional institutions in the state
390 compared to other states in the northeastern region and federal policies,
391 based on the type of institution, and highlight any differences in such
392 directives and procedures.

393 Sec. 13. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) For the purposes described in
394 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the
395 power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state
396 in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the
397 aggregate five hundred thousand dollars.

398 (b) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the amount
399 stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Department
400 of Correction for the purpose of purchasing two body scanning
401 machines, installing such machines and training corrections staff on
402 their use in accordance with the provisions of section 11 of this act.

403 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise
404 of any right or power granted thereby, that are not inconsistent with the
405 provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all
406 bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this
407 section. Temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived
408 from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in
409 accordance with section 3-20 of the general statutes and from time to
410 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
411 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
412 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
413 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of such bonds shall be
414 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
415 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization that is signed
416 by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
417 and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its
418 discretion, may require. Such bonds issued pursuant to this section shall
419 be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state
420 of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and
421 interest on such bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as
422 part of the contract of the state with the holders of such bonds,
423 appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such
424 principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay
425 such principal and interest as the same become due.

426 Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On or before January 1, 2026,
427 and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Correction shall submit a
428 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
429 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
430 having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and government
431 oversight, concerning the conduct of strip and cavity searches in such
432 facilities. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) The
433 number of strip searches and cavity searches of persons who are
434 incarcerated that have occurred during the prior calendar year, broken
435 out by correctional facility, (2) whether there have been any lawsuits
436 filed concerning such strip searches or cavity searches during the year

437 immediately preceding such report and, if so, the status or outcome of
438 such lawsuits, and (3) a copy of the current policy concerning the
439 conduct of such searches, including any training requirements for
440 correctional officers concerning the conduct of such searches.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	18-81pp
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 6, "medical practitioners" was changed to "a physician" for internal consistency.

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*