
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 1309

AN ACT CONCERNING FINES FOR CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH FINES INTO A FUND FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL PERSONS WHO ARE INCARCERATED.

SUMMARY

This bill allows correctional facility wardens to impose \$15 to \$50 fines on an incarcerated person as part of the discipline for certain actions committed while incarcerated, such as assaulting someone, participating in a riot, or tampering with security devices. Any fine must be in addition to any other penalty for the action.

The bill requires the Department of Correction (DOC) commissioner to deposit the fines into the Correctional General Welfare Fund. By law, this fund must be used to benefit people who are incarcerated as the DOC commissioner determines suitable.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

ACTIONS SUBJECT TO FINES

Under the bill, wardens may impose fines for the following actions:

1. arson;
2. assault, including assaulting a DOC employee;
3. taking someone hostage, including a DOC employee;
4. inciting or participating in a riot;
5. tampering with locking, security, or safety devices;
6. unauthorized or fraudulent use of a monitored incarcerated

person communication procedure or device; or

7. any other action that would be a felony under Connecticut law.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 41 Nay 0 (04/08/2025)