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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 2, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions relating
3 to inmate confinement, providing for information on health
4 care screenings for incarcerated individuals.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 61 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 5908. Information on health care screenings for incarcerated
10 individuals.

11 (a) Reports.--The correctional institution shall annually
12 submit a report on health care screenings for incarcerated
13 individuals to all of the following:

14 (1) The Health and Human Services Committee of the
15 Senate.

16 (2) The Health Committee of the House of
17 Representatives.

18 (3) The Human Services Committee of the House of

1 Representatives.

2 (b) Contents.--The report under subsection (a) shall include
3 all of the following information:

4 (1) The correctional institution's response time to DC-
5 500, Sick Call Requests.

6 (2) The number of DC-500, Sick Call Requests.

7 (3) The number of incarcerated individuals who opt out
8 of receiving health care screenings or health care services.

9 (4) The number of emergency services used in each
10 correctional institution.

11 (5) The number of specialty off-site health care
12 services used by incarcerated individuals.

13 (6) The total number of incarcerated women and girls who
14 have received health care screenings.

15 (7) The total number of pregnant incarcerated women and
16 girls who have received health care screenings.

17 (8) The total number of live births and stillbirths by
18 incarcerated women and girls.

19 (9) The total number and type of maternal complications.

20 (10) The number of specialty on-site health care
21 services used by incarcerated individuals.

22 (c) Guidelines.--The correctional institution shall provide
23 all incarcerated individuals with comprehensive written
24 guidelines regarding the correctional institution's health care
25 screening procedures and information on preventative screenings.

26 The following apply:

27 (1) The guidelines used by the correctional institution
28 should follow national guidelines, such as those used by
29 insurance companies, that include information on the
30 recommended preventative screening guidelines based on age

1 and gender.

2 (2) The correctional institution shall also provide all
3 incarcerated individuals with updated guidelines under this
4 subsection as the correctional institution deems necessary to
5 keep the incarcerated individuals informed.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.