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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 17, 1999

AN ACT

1 Requiring counties committing offenders to the Department of  
2 Corrections to provide certain background information at the  
3 time of commitment.

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

6 Section 1. Court reporting requirements.

7 When a court orders a presentence investigation, a copy of  
8 the final report shall be forwarded to the county correctional  
9 facility confining that individual. When no presentence  
10 investigation is available, and when the court sentences an  
11 offender, a copy of the sentencing guideline form shall be  
12 forwarded to the county correctional facility confining that  
13 offender.

14 Section 2. Background information required.

15 The Department of Corrections shall not accept within its  
16 custody, inmates who are transferred from county prisons where  
17 the county fails to provide, at the time of transfer, the

1 following information:

2 (1) The presentence investigation, when available,  
3 including, but not limited to, information about the facts of  
4 the crime for which the inmate has been sentenced, including  
5 arrest reports, social history data, prior adult and juvenile  
6 criminal history and demographic information.

7 (2) When no presentence investigation is available,  
8 information about the facts of the crime for which the inmate  
9 has been sentenced.

10 (3) For the crime the inmate is convicted of, the  
11 offense tracking number and the State identification number.

12 (4) A record of adjustment at the county level.

13 (5) Medical record, including certification that the  
14 inmate has been screened for infectious diseases, including,  
15 but not limited to, tuberculosis disease.

16 (6) Complete and accurate sentencing information,  
17 including a copy of the sentencing guideline form.

18 Section 3. Background information to counties.

19 When a county correctional facility receives an offender who  
20 was previously confined in a State correctional facility, upon  
21 request, the county correctional facility shall receive from the  
22 Department of Corrections information about the record of  
23 adjustment at the State level, medical record, including  
24 certification that the inmate has been screened for infectious  
25 diseases, including, but not limited to, tuberculosis disease,  
26 classification information, assaultive and escape history and  
27 prior criminal history.

28 Section 4. Waiver.

29 In the event of an emergency, the Secretary of Corrections,  
30 or his designee, may waive the requirements of this act.

1 Section 5. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect in 90 days.