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SCHWEYER, APRIL 2, 2019

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 trauma-informed care and
4 training.

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. Trauma-informed care and training.

10 (a) Trauma-informed care requirements.--

11 (1) The warden of a correctional institution shall
12 ensure that the correctional institution provides to all
13 incarcerated individuals and detainees quality trauma-
14 informed care as specified by the Substance Abuse and Mental
15 Health Services Administration of the United States
16 Department of Health and Human Services.

17 (2) Trauma-informed care for an individual shall begin

1 immediately upon the individual's intake and assessment at a
2 correctional institution.

3 (b) Correctional staff training.--Correctional staff must
4 have not fewer than four hours of professional training related
5 to trauma-informed care, which must include, but is not limited
6 to, the following:

7 (1) Training to identify individuals with trauma.

8 (2) Training on how and when to refer individuals to the
9 proper health care professionals.

10 (3) Training on how to interact with and empower
11 incarcerated individuals who have experienced trauma.

12 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
13 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
14 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

15 "Correctional staff." An individual who works with
16 incarcerated individuals on a regular basis. The term includes,
17 but is not limited to, any of the following:

18 (1) Medical staff.

19 (2) A correctional officer.

20 (3) A mentor.

21 (4) An educational instructor.

22 "Trauma-informed care." An organizational structure and
23 treatment framework that involves understanding, recognizing and
24 responding to the effects of all types of trauma.

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