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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 257 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY METZGAR, READSHAW, SNYDER, KAUFFMAN, BARRAR,  
IRVIN, OBERLANDER, SAYLOR, DeLUCA, TOPPER, REESE, GOODMAN AND  
GILLEN, JANUARY 29, 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 29, 2019

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the  
3 offense of assault by prisoner.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2703(b) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by  
8 adding a subsection to read:

9 § 2703. Assault by prisoner.

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11 (a.1) Penalties.--A person convicted under subsection (a) or  
12 section 2702(a) (relating to aggravated assault) where the  
13 victim is a detention facility or correctional facility employee  
14 shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment for not less than  
15 five years and to pay a fine of \$5,000 against the inmate's  
16 account under 61 Pa.C.S. § 3124 (relating to inmates accounts).

17 (b) Consecutive sentences.--The court shall order that any  
18 sentence imposed for a violation of subsection (a), or any

1 sentence imposed for a violation of section 2702(a) [(relating  
2 to aggravated assault)] where the victim is a detention facility  
3 or correctional facility employee, be served consecutively with  
4 the person's current sentence.

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