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Public Act No. 24-140

AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMISSARY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR YOUTH IN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION FACILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 127 of public act 23-204 is amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Not later than July 1, 2023, the Department of Correction, in consultation with a subcommittee concerning incarceration of children of the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee, established pursuant to section 46b-121n of the general statutes, shall develop and submit the commissary implementation plan described in subsection (b) of this section to the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee, established pursuant to said section.

(b) The plan developed in accordance with this section shall provide for the following in relation to youths in Department of Correction facilities: (1) An integrated positive behavior motivation system to engage and reinforce positive youth behaviors and expectations that can be used as payment for commissary goods in place of a monetary system; (2) revised commissary policies and procedures to include the development and implementation of positive behavior motivation

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policies and procedures; (3) increased incentives to promote good health and recognize a diverse range of ethnic groups, races, sexes and cultural backgrounds; (4) (A) identification of youth within the institution that do not have equitable access to commissary, including those who are indigent, without family supports or with disabilities that contribute to their lack of access to commissary, and (B) strategies to implement equitable access to commissary; (5) menstrual products in a manner pursuant to sections 18-69e and 18-99b of the general statutes; (6) transition of saved commissary allocations, including how associated saved funds can be transitioned and accessed when a youth is transferred to an adult facility; (7) ongoing training and assistance, such as those provided through the Capitol Region Education Council's Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports; (8) continuous quality improvement system for ongoing implementation of the plan pursuant to this subsection; and (9) biannual surveys or focus groups to obtain feedback from youth in Department of Correction facilities on ways to improve its system and concerning the implementation of such plan.

(c) The Department of Correction shall immediately implement procedures for more equitable commissary options for youth described in subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of this section and shall fully implement the plan not later than November 1, 2023.

(d) Not later than July 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Correction, in consultation with the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee's subcommittee concerning incarceration of children, shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations, children and the judiciary on the implementation of the plan as required by subsection (c) of this section and any recommendations for changes to such plan or the manner of implementation of such plan.