

HOUSE No. 3071

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Russell E. Holmes

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to reduce recidivism, curb unnecessary spending, and ensure appropriate use of segregation.

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By Mr. Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3071) of Russell E. Holmes and others relative to segregation of prisoners and inmates. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act to reduce recidivism, curb unnecessary spending, and ensure appropriate use of segregation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as appearing in the most
2 recent official edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following definitions:

3 “Disciplinary segregation,” the segregation of a prisoner in a segregation unit or other
4 housing unit, for the purpose of disciplining the prisoner.

5 “Non-disciplinary segregation,” the segregation of a prisoner who poses a substantial
6 threat to the safety of others or to the safe and secure operation of the facility. Non-disciplinary
7 segregation includes all forms of segregation except disciplinary segregation.

8 “Non-disciplinary Segregation Board,” a board appointed by the commissioner for a
9 definite or indefinite term and consisting of three members, one of whom the commissioner shall
10 designate as chairperson. Once appointed, the board is empowered to recommend a prisoner for
11 placement in non-disciplinary segregation. The board may be the same as the DSU Board, as
12 defined by 103 CMR 421.06, or a separate body.

13 “Segregation,” a housing placement where a prisoner is confined to a cell for at least 22
14 hours per day.

15 “Serious mental illness,” constitutes:

16 (1) A current diagnosis or recent significant history of one or more of the following
17 disorders described in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical
18 Manual of Mental Disorders: (i) schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders; (ii)
19 major depressive disorders; or (iii) bipolar disorders, all types;

20 “Recent significant history” shall be defined as a diagnosis specified above in section (1)
21 upon discharge within the past three years from an inpatient psychiatric hospital or other
22 correctional facility.

23 (2) A diagnosis of one or more of the following disorders, as described in the most recent
24 edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders: (i) a
25 neurodevelopmental disorder, dementia or other cognitive disorder; (ii) any disorder
26 commonly characterized by breaks with reality, or perceptions of reality; (iii) a
27 severe personality disorder that is manifested by episodes of psychosis or depression;

28 (3) A diagnosis of one or more of the following disorders, as described in the most recent
29 edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Mental Disorders that manifests with episodes of
30 psychosis or depression: (i) anxiety disorders, all types, (ii) trauma and stressor related
31 disorders; or (iii) severe personality disorders; or

32 (4) A finding that the prisoner is at serious risk of substantially deteriorating mentally or
33 emotionally while confined in segregation, or already has so deteriorated while confined

34 in segregation, such that diversion or removal is deemed to be clinically appropriate
35 by a qualified mental health professional.

36 SECTION 2. Chapter 127 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
37 striking out section 39 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

38 Section 39. Segregation units; segregation; facilities.

39 (a) Subject to the requirements of section 39A, section 39B, section 40, and section 41 of
40 chapter 127, the superintendent of any correctional institution of the commonwealth or the
41 administrator of any county correctional facility, may authorize the confinement in a segregation
42 unit within any correctional institution of the commonwealth, of any prisoner whose continued
43 retention in the general institution population poses a substantial threat: (1) to the safety of
44 others; (2) of damaging or destroying property; or (3) to the operation of a state correctional
45 facility. Segregation should be for the briefest term and under the least restrictive conditions
46 practicable and consistent with the rationale for placement.

47 (b) A prisoner may be held in non-disciplinary segregation only if:

48 (1) Pursuant to section 39B, he or she has been found to have committed, while
49 incarcerated within the last five years, (i) an act of violence that resulted or was likely to result in
50 serious injury or death to another, or occurred in connection with an act of non-consensual sex;
51 (ii) two or more discrete acts which cause serious disruption of prison operations; or (iii) an
52 escape, attempted escape, or conspiracy to escape from within a security perimeter or custody, or
53 both; and

54 (2) Pursuant to section 39B, he or she has been determined to pose an immediate and
55 significant threat to the safety of other prisoners or to the orderly running of the institution.

56 (c) All segregation units shall provide regular meals, fully furnished cells, adequate
57 sanitation facilities, adequate clothing, at least one hour per day of exercise and recreation,
58 outside if weather permits, rights of visitation and communication by those properly authorized,
59 and such other privileges as may be established by the superintendent or administrator.

60 Under the supervision of the department of mental health, all prisoners confined to
61 segregation units shall be given periodic mental and psychiatric examinations, and shall receive
62 such medical and psychiatric treatment as may be clinically indicated.

63 (d) Segregation units that house prisoners in non-disciplinary segregation should provide
64 living conditions that approximate those in general population, and, at a minimum, must meet the
65 following standards:

66 (1) Prisoners shall be offered two hours of out-of-cell recreation seven days per week.

67 (2) Prisoners shall have the same right to make canteen purchases and to retain
68 property in their cells as prisoners in the general population at the same facility, except where
69 inconsistent with the security of the unit.

70 (3) Prisoners shall have equal access to disability accommodations as persons in
71 general population. Such accommodations shall include, but are not limited to: handicap
72 accessible cells, wheelchairs, walkers, prosthetic devices, canes, eyeglasses, hearing aids,
73 orthopedic shoes, mattresses and cushioning, and special clothing.

74 (4) Prisoners shall have the same access to vocational, educational and rehabilitative
75 programs as the general population, to the extent consistent with the safety and security of the
76 unit.

77 (5) Prisoners shall be offered daily showers.

78 (6) Prisoners shall have access to a radio or television.

79 (7) Prisoners shall be eligible for and have opportunities to receive earned good time
80 credits pursuant to chapter 127, section 129D while in segregation.

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82 SECTION 3. Said chapter 127, Section 39A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
83 deleting the phrase “within a state correctional facility, as defined in section 1 of chapter 125”
84 after the phrase “Prior to placement in a segregation unit,” and by adding the word “daily” after
85 the words “shall make,” so that Section 39A subsection (a) shall read as follows:

86 “(a) Prior to placement in a segregated unit, all inmates shall be screened by a qualified
87 mental health professional to determine whether the inmate has a serious mental illness and
88 whether there are any acute mental health contraindications to placement in a segregated unit.
89 The screening shall be conducted in accordance with clinical standards adopted by the
90 department of correction.

91 A qualified mental health professional shall make daily rounds in each such segregated
92 unit and may conduct an out-of-cell meeting with any inmate for whom a confidential meeting is
93 warranted in the clinician's professional judgment. Inmates in such segregated units shall be

94 evaluated by a qualified mental health professional in accordance with clinical standards adopted
95 by the department of correction.”

96 SECTION 4. Said chapter 127, Section 39A subsection (b), as so appearing, is hereby
97 amended by: adding the words “as described in subsection (g),” after the words “of any person,”;
98 striking out the phrases, “or where no secure treatment bed is available,” and “in accordance with
99 clinical standards adopted by the department of correction” and replacing them with the words
100 “or who is otherwise at risk of suffering substantial harm in segregated housing”; by striking out
101 the words “for more than 30 days”; and by adding the words “or returned to general population”
102 after the words “placed in a secure treatment unit,” so that the first sentence of Section 39A
103 subsection (b) shall read as follows:

104 “Except in exigent circumstances that would create an unacceptable risk to the safety of
105 any person, a segregated inmate diagnosed with a serious mental illness or who is otherwise at
106 risk of suffering substantial harm in segregated housing shall not be housed in a segregated unit
107 and shall be placed in a secure treatment unit or returned to general population.”

108 SECTION 5. Said chapter 127, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after
109 Section 39A subsection (b), the following paragraphs:

110 (c) Except in exigent circumstances, no prisoner may be held in segregation if he or she:

111 (1) Is pregnant, is in the postpartum period, or has recently suffered a miscarriage or
112 terminated a pregnancy;

113 (2) Has a significant auditory or visual impairment;

114 (3) Is 21 years of age or younger;

115 (4) Is 65 years of age or older;

116 (5) Has a serious medical condition which cannot effectively be treated in segregated
117 confinement; or

118 (6) Would not otherwise be in segregation but for the fact that they are perceived to
119 be lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex.

120 (d) A prisoner who is excluded from segregation by any provision of section 39A may be
121 held in segregation because of exigent circumstances only if, within seventy-two hours of his or
122 her placement in segregation, the commissioner or designee, or sheriff or designee certifies in
123 writing: the reason why the prisoner may not be safely held in the general population; efforts that
124 are being undertaken to find appropriate housing; the status of such efforts, and anticipated time
125 frame for resolution. A copy must be provided to the prisoner.

126 (1) A prisoner who is held in segregation on an exigent basis under the provisions of
127 section 39A(d) must be offered at least three hours per day of out-of-cell activities.

128 (2) If such prisoner has been excluded from segregation due to mental illness, he or
129 she must be given two out-of-cell mental health treatment sessions per week.

130 (3) In no event shall a prisoner held in segregation on an exigent basis under any
131 provision of section 39A be held in segregation for longer than 15 consecutive days unless the
132 commissioner or designee, or sheriff or designee, reviews his or her status every seven days and
133 explains in writing what alternative placements have been considered and why no such
134 alternative is feasible.

135 SECTION 6. Said chapter 127, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after
136 section 39 and section 39A, the following section:

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138 Section 39B. Non-disciplinary segregation procedural requirements; limitations.

139 (a) Prisoners shall be entitled to the procedural requirements set forth below before
140 he or she can be held in non-disciplinary segregation, unless the superintendent of the facility
141 where the prisoner is held or his/her designee certifies in writing that housing the prisoner in the
142 general population prior to complying with these procedural requirements will pose an imminent
143 threat to the safety and security of the prison where the prisoner is housed. If the superintendent
144 or his/her designee so certifies, a hearing before a Non-disciplinary Segregation Board shall be
145 conducted within five business days of the commencement of segregation. This period may be
146 extended up to 15 days if the commissioner or appropriate deputy commissioner certifies in
147 writing that providing a hearing prior to transfer will pose an imminent threat to the safety and
148 security of the prison where the prisoner is housed and that an extension of the hearing period is
149 necessary to ensure the integrity and reliability of the hearing; only two such extensions are
150 permitted.

151 (b) The Non-disciplinary Segregation Board shall be appointed by the commissioner
152 and shall consist of three individuals including at least one qualified mental health professional.

153 (1) Within 72 hours of the referral of a prisoner to a Non-disciplinary Segregation
154 Board, the prisoner shall be provided with a written referral summary that shall include the
155 specific aspects of the prisoner's record or other information that the Board may consider, the
156 name of any witnesses whom the presenting officer may call to testify, and copies of any

157 documents that will be introduced. With the written referral summary, the prisoner shall be
158 provided with request forms for making a written request for representation and for a
159 continuance.

160 (2) If the prisoner wishes to be represented by an attorney or law student, have certain
161 witnesses testify, or request a continuance he or she shall complete a written request form within
162 forty-eight hours of receiving said forms.

163 (3) A prisoner shall be permitted to request that the Board record the hearing and the
164 Board shall then do so. The recording shall be preserved by the Superintendent or designee and
165 shall be accessible to the prisoner or his representative for reference and, upon request, shall be
166 provided with a duplicate copy, which shall be provided at no charge if the prisoner is indigent.

167 (4) In the event that a prisoner is illiterate or non-English speaking, or when the
168 issues presented are complex, the Superintendent or designee shall appoint a staff member to
169 assist the prisoner in preparing and presenting the prisoner's position at the hearing if the
170 prisoner is unable to secure legal representation.

171 (5) Prisoners shall have a hearing before a Non-disciplinary Segregation Board to
172 determine, based on a preponderance of the evidence, that the prisoner meets the requirements of
173 section 39(b)(1) and (2). Any Non-disciplinary Segregation Board recommendation that the
174 commissioner place the prisoner in non-disciplinary segregation shall be supported by a
175 preponderance of the evidence that the prisoner meets said requirements.

176 (6) Within two days of the hearing, the Non-disciplinary Segregation Board shall
177 serve a written decision on the prisoner which shall contain a description of the specific evidence
178 relied on and a particularized statement of the reasons for the decision. The statement shall

179 explain why the placement or retention in non-disciplinary segregation is for administrative and
180 not disciplinary reasons.

181 (7) The prisoner shall receive a notice stating the prisoner's right to appeal and to
182 submit written objections within five days of the prisoner's receipt of the Non-disciplinary
183 Segregation Board's written decision. Any appeal and objections should be addressed to the
184 Associate Commissioner of Programs, Treatment and Classification, and submitted by the
185 prisoners or his or her representative to a staff person. The staff person shall deliver them to the
186 correctional counselor before the close of his tour of duty. The correctional counselor shall
187 promptly submit the name of any prisoner who has filed an appeal to the Associate
188 Commissioner of Programs, Treatment and Classification.

189 (8) No less than five and no more than ten weekdays after the prisoner's receipt of the
190 Board's recommendation, the Associate Commissioner shall review the recommendation of the
191 Board and any appeal or objections filed by the prisoner. Upon review, the Associate
192 Commissioner shall either make his or her own recommendations regarding the placement or
193 approve the recommendation. Any written statement of objections filed by the prisoner shall be
194 attached to the Associate Commissioner's recommendation.

195 (9) Whether or not the prisoner has submitted an appeal, objections or statement, the
196 commissioner or his designee shall review and act upon the recommendation of the board within
197 five weekdays after review by the Associate Commissioner of Programs, Treatment and
198 Classification. The commissioner's action shall be based upon substantial evidence in the record
199 of the hearing. The Commissioner may sustain and adopt the recommendation in its entirety,
200 modify it, order a rehearing, or entirely reject a recommendation of placement in non-

201 disciplinary segregation. The commissioner shall specify and explain any aspects of his decision
202 and reasoning which are different from those of the Board. If the Commissioner decides that
203 contrary to the Board's recommendation, placement in non-disciplinary segregation is warranted,
204 the commissioner shall allow five days from receipt of the commissioner's written decision in
205 which to file a written statement or objections pursuant to subsection (7) above.

206 (c) The department shall institute a program that allows every prisoner to earn his or her
207 way out of non-disciplinary segregation through positive behavior. The trajectory for a prisoner
208 to earn his or her way out of such housing shall be graduated and must be less than ten days.

209 (1) Within five days of placement in non-disciplinary segregation, including any time
210 served under section 39B(a), correctional authorities shall develop an individualized plan for the
211 prisoner. If the prisoner has a mental health history or diagnosis, such plan shall be developed in
212 consultation with mental health staff who are familiar with the prisoner.

213 (2) The plan shall include an assessment of the prisoner's needs, a strategy for
214 correctional authorities and, when warranted, mental health staff to assist the prisoner in meeting
215 those needs, and a statement of the expectations for the prisoner to progress toward fewer
216 restrictions and back to general population, including specific privileges that will be allowed the
217 prisoner once he/she meets certain benchmarks in his/her plan;

218 (3) Correctional authorities shall provide a copy of the plan to the prisoner and ensure
219 the prisoner understands its contents. At intervals not to exceed 15 days, a team consisting of a
220 correctional administrator and mental health clinician shall conduct and document an evaluation
221 of each prisoner's progress under the individualized plan. The evaluation shall consider the
222 prisoner's mental health status and address the extent to which the prisoner's behavior, measured

223 against the plan, justifies the need to maintain, increase or decrease the level of controls and
224 restrictions in place at the time of the evaluation and recommend whether the prisoner should be
225 returned to a lower-level custody or removed from non-disciplinary segregation.

226 (4) If it is determined that the prisoner has substantially complied with the plan, the
227 prisoner shall be removed from non-disciplinary segregation and returned to a lower custody
228 level. Otherwise, the team must determine whether the prisoner's progress toward compliance
229 with the individual plan warrants a reduction of restrictions, increased programming, removal
230 from non-disciplinary segregation and/or return to lower level custody.

231 (5) A decision by the team to retain a prisoner in non-disciplinary segregation shall
232 be set forth in writing and shall be reviewed by a correctional administrator and approved,
233 rejected or modified.

234 (d) In no instance shall a prisoner be subjected to non-disciplinary segregation for more
235 than ninety days unless the department conducts a subsequent hearing pursuant to section 39B(a)
236 of this chapter by which it establishes: by a preponderance of the evidence that the prisoner,
237 within the previous ninety days, has committed an act which resulted in or was likely to result in
238 serious injury or death to another; or by clear and convincing evidence that there is a significant
239 risk that the prisoner will cause physical injury to prison staff or other prisoners if removed from
240 non-disciplinary segregation. If a decision is made to maintain the prisoner in non-disciplinary
241 segregation for longer than ninety days, the commissioner shall set forth in writing all other
242 alternatives that have been considered and why those alternatives have been rejected, and shall
243 set forth a plan for transitioning the prisoner out of non-disciplinary segregation. Any prisoner

244 subject to non-disciplinary segregation for longer than ninety days shall be entitled to a hearing
245 at least every forty-five days thereafter with the same protections set forth herein.

246 (e) Subsections (a) through (d) above shall apply to any prisoner who is categorically
247 excluded from placement in non-disciplinary segregation in accordance with Section 39A, but
248 who nevertheless cannot be housed in general population because they pose an immediate threat
249 of personal injury to others.

250 SECTION 7. Said chapter 127, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after
251 section 39 and sections 39A and 39B, the following section:

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253 Section 39C. Reentry from segregation.

254 (a) Any prisoner who is within 180 days of his or her mandatory release date or parole
255 release date shall not be placed in segregation unless the commissioner or the sheriff, or his or
256 her designee, certifies in writing, based on a preponderance of the evidence, that the presence of
257 the prisoner in the general population would pose a serious risk of harm to others and all other
258 less-restrictive options have been exhausted. The department or county correctional facility shall
259 make quarterly reports as to the number of certifications made pursuant to this section 39C and
260 the reasons therefor.

261 (b) Any prisoner within 180 days of his or her mandatory release date or parole release
262 date and who is held in a segregation unit shall be offered reentry programming including but not
263 limited to: housing assistance, assistance obtaining state and federal benefits, employment
264 readiness training, and programming designed to help the person rebuild interpersonal

265 relationships, such as anger management and parenting courses. The department or county
266 correctional facility shall prepare a written reentry plan for every person in a segregation unit
267 who is within 180 of his or her mandatory release date or parole release date.

268 SECTION 8. Section 40 of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
269 amended by inserting the words “or segregation” after the word “isolation,” and the words
270 “including the Departmental Disciplinary Unit” after the word “unit,” so that the first paragraph
271 of Section 40 reads as follows:

272 “For the enforcement of discipline, an inmate in any correctional institution of the
273 commonwealth may, at the discretion of its superintendent, be confined, for a period not to
274 exceed fifteen days for any one offence, to an isolation or disciplinary segregation unit, including
275 the Departmental Disciplinary Unit.”

276 SECTION 9. Section 41 of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
277 amended by inserting at the beginning of the first paragraph the words “Subject to the
278 requirements of Sections 39, 39A, and 39B of Chapter 127 of the Massachusetts General Laws,”
279 and by inserting the word “or segregation” after word “isolation,” each time that it appears, so
280 that the first paragraph of Section 41 reads as follows:

281 “Subject to the requirements of Sections 39, 39A, and 39B of Chapter 127 of the
282 Massachusetts General Laws, the superintendent or keeper of a jail or house of correction may
283 set aside in such jail or house of correction one or more cells to be used as isolation or
284 segregation units, and for the enforcement of discipline may confine any inmate thereto; but no
285 prisoner shall be confined to such isolation or segregation unit for more than three days without

286 informing the sheriff or the county commissioners thereof and of the reasons therefor; and in no
287 case for more than ten days for any one offence.”

288 SECTION 10. Said chapter 127, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after
289 section 39 and sections 39A, 39B, and 39C the following section:

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291 Section 39D. Segregation oversight.

292 A segregation oversight committee shall be convened to gather information regarding the
293 use of disciplinary segregation and non-disciplinary segregation in Massachusetts correctional
294 institutions, jails and houses of correction, to determine the impact of such confinement on
295 prisoners, rates of violence and self-harm within correctional institutions, recidivism, and
296 incarceration costs.

297 b. The oversight committee shall consist of seven members: 1 member from
298 corrections appointed by the Department of Correction, 1 sheriff appointed by the sheriff’s
299 association, 1 former judge appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, 1 staff
300 member from the Disability Law Center, appointed by its director, 1 staff member from
301 Prisoners’ Legal Services, appointed by its director, 1 staff member from the Massachusetts
302 Association for Mental Health, appointed by its director and 1 licensed social worker, appointed
303 by the director of National Association of Social Workers, Massachusetts chapter.

304 c. The members of the oversight committee shall be provided full and unfettered
305 access to all Massachusetts state prisons and houses of corrections, and shall be allowed to
306 interview prisoners and staff.

- 307 d. The oversight committee shall gather information regarding:
- 308 i. Criteria for placing a prisoner in non-disciplinary segregation;
- 309 ii. Specialized training provided to staff working with prisoners in disciplinary and
310 non-disciplinary segregation;
- 311 iii. The effectiveness of step-down units to transition prisoners from disciplinary and
312 non-disciplinary segregation to general population units or to the community;
- 313 iv. The effect that reducing the use of segregation has on the rate of prison violence
314 and self-harm by prisoners and on the State's recidivism rates; and
- 315 v. Other relevant information as identified by the oversight committee.
- 316 a. The oversight committee shall receive quarterly data and statistics from the
317 department and each sheriff concerning but not limited to the following for each correctional
318 institution, jail, and house of correction, and covering the entire quarterly period:
- 319 (i) The number of prisoners in disciplinary segregation;
- 320 (ii) The disciplinary sentence length of those prisoners in disciplinary segregation;
- 321 (iii) The number of prisoners in non-disciplinary segregation;
- 322 (iv) The length of time those prisoners have been held in non-disciplinary
323 segregation;
- 324 (v) The number of times a particular prisoner has been placed in segregation for that
325 quarterly reporting period;

326 (vi) The number of prisoners in disciplinary and non-disciplinary segregation,
327 respectively, designated as having serious mental illness (SMI);

328 (vii) The number of prisoners in disciplinary and non-disciplinary segregation,
329 respectively, with a diagnosed mental illness;

330 (vii) The number of prisoners in disciplinary and non-disciplinary segregation,
331 respectively, with a significant cognitive impairment or identified learning disability;

332 (viii) The number of prisoners in disciplinary and non-disciplinary segregation,
333 respectively, who have requested reasonable accommodations for a disability while in
334 segregation;

335 (ix) The number of prisoners in disciplinary and non-disciplinary segregation,
336 respectively, who have received reasonable accommodations for a disability while in
337 segregation;

338 (x) The number of prisoners in disciplinary and non-disciplinary segregation,
339 respectively, who have a disability;

340 (xi) The number of mental health professionals who work directly with prisoners in
341 disciplinary and non-disciplinary segregation, respectively;

342 (xi) The number of suicides and, separately, acts of non-lethal self-harm, committed
343 by prisoners held in disciplinary and non-disciplinary segregation, respectively;

344 (xii) The number of planned uses of force on prisoners held in disciplinary and non-
345 disciplinary segregation, respectively;

346 (xiii) The number of times prisoners held in disciplinary and non-disciplinary
347 segregation were placed on mental health watch and for how long they were on mental health
348 watch status;

349 (xiv) The number of transfers to outside hospitals and psychiatric hospitals directly
350 from disciplinary and non-disciplinary segregation, respectively;

351 (xv) The racial composition of prisoners in disciplinary and non-disciplinary
352 segregation, respectively;

353 (xvi) The number of prisoners in disciplinary and non-disciplinary segregation,
354 respectively, who did not complete high school;

355 (xvii) The number of prisoners released directly from disciplinary and non-disciplinary
356 segregation, respectively, to the community;

357 (xvii) The number of prisoners released from disciplinary and non-disciplinary
358 segregation, respectively, within six months of release to the community;

359 (xviii) The number of prisoners removed from disciplinary and non-disciplinary
360 segregation, respectively, due to mental decompensation;

361 (xix) The number of prisoners in non-disciplinary segregation who are in segregation
362 for protective custody reasons;

363 (xx) The number of prisoners in disciplinary and non-disciplinary segregation,
364 respectively, who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex;

365 (xxi) The number of prisoners in disciplinary and non-disciplinary segregation,
366 respectively, who are twenty-one years old or younger;

367 (xxii) The number of prisoners in disciplinary and non-disciplinary segregation,
368 respectively, who are fifty-five years old or older;

369 (xxiii) The number of prisoners in disciplinary and non-disciplinary segregation,
370 respectively, who are sixty-five years old or older; and

371 (xxiv) Other relevant data and statistics as identified by the oversight committee.

372 b. The oversight committee shall publish a report compiling this information and
373 data annually, with the first report being published within one year of the passage of this Act.
374 The oversight committee shall make said report publicly available and shall deliver copies of
375 said report to all relevant legislative committees.

376 c. The report of the segregation oversight committee shall offer recommendations
377 geared towards limiting the number of prisoners in disciplinary and non-disciplinary segregation
378 in Massachusetts and ensuring segregation is used as a tool of last resort in narrow, well-defined
379 circumstances. The recommendations shall include, but are not limited to:

380 (i) Recommendations as to how the department and each sheriff can adopt a step-
381 down program so that all prisoners in segregation can be returned to general population within
382 fifteen days;

383 (ii) Recommendations as to steps the department and each sheriff can take to restrict
384 the use of segregation;

385 (iii) Recommendations as to how the department and each sheriff can ensure that
386 prisoners experience continuity in programming during segregation;

387 (iv) Recommendations as to how the department and each sheriff can ensure that no
388 prisoners with serious mental illness or who are otherwise considered vulnerable populations
389 excludable from segregation under current law are placed in segregation;

390 (v) Recommendations as to how the department and each sheriff can deliver
391 meaningful mental health treatment to prisoners in segregation;

392 (vi) Recommendations as to how the department and each sheriff can limit the
393 infractions resulting in segregation placement; and

394 (vii) Recommendations as to how the department and each sheriff can ensure that no
395 prisoner is released directly from segregation to the community.