
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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JUNE 7, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 7, 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 training and educational
4 requirements.

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. Training and educational requirements.

10 (a) Correctional institution staff training.--The department
11 and the Department of Human Services shall jointly develop and
12 provide both correctional institutions and county correctional
13 institutions with a training program for staff who have contact
14 with incarcerated individuals who are pregnant. The training
15 program shall be related to the physical and mental health of
16 the incarcerated individual and fetuses, including:

17 (1) the general care of a pregnant individual;

1 (2) the impact of restraints on a pregnant individual
2 and fetus;

3 (3) the impact of being placed in restrictive housing on
4 a pregnant individual;

5 (4) the impact of invasive searches on a pregnant
6 individual; and

7 (5) any other pertinent information the department or
8 the Department of Human Services finds appropriate or
9 necessary.

10 (b) Educational programming for pregnant incarcerated
11 individuals.--The department and the Department of Human
12 Services shall jointly develop and provide both correctional
13 institutions and county correctional institutions with
14 educational programming for incarcerated individuals who are
15 pregnant. The educational programming shall be related to:

16 (1) prenatal care;

17 (2) pregnancy-specific hygiene;

18 (3) parenting skills;

19 (4) the impact of alcohol and drugs on the fetus;

20 (5) general health of a child; and

21 (6) any other pertinent information the department or
22 the Department of Human Services finds appropriate or
23 necessary.

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