THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 588

Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY KINSEY, WEBSTER, MADDEN, HILL-EVANS, CIRESI, SANCHEZ, D. WILLIAMS, KINKEAD, KRAJEWSKI, CONKLIN AND GILLEN, MARCH 20, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 20, 2023

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania
- 2 Consolidated Statutes, in general administration relating to
- 3 correctional institutions, providing for prerelease briefings
- 4 on veterans benefits.
- 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 § 1107. Prerelease briefings on veterans benefits.
- 10 Prior to the release from a State correctional institution of
- 11 <u>an inmate who is a veteran, the department shall conduct a</u>
- 12 <u>briefing with the inmate to explain and share information</u>
- 13 relating to Federal and State benefits available to veterans and
- 14 their families and how to apply for the benefits.
- 15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.