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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023**

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Hull, J. Lombardi, Slater, Edwards, Vella-  
Wilkinson, Caldwell, Morales, Bennett, and Felix

Date Introduced: January 12, 2023

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 42-56-17 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-56 entitled "Corrections  
2 Department" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **42-56-17. Identification and description of inmates.**

4           (a) The director of corrections, or his or her designee, shall cause prisoners confined under  
5 sentence in the adult correctional institutions to be physically and factually described in accordance  
6 with accepted criminal identification standards for the identification of criminals. The director of  
7 corrections, or his or her designee, shall cause identification to be made by a person or persons in  
8 the official service of the state, and shall prescribe rules and regulations for keeping accurate  
9 records at those institutions, and for classifying and indexing the records.

10           (b) The department of corrections shall collect the following information from individuals  
11 entering its custody: sex, race, nativity (country of origin), ethnicity, and level of education, and  
12 publish a summary of such information on an annual basis.

13           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would direct the department of corrections to collect from individuals entering its  
2 custody information on: sex, race, nativity (country of origin), ethnicity, and level of education,  
3 and publish a summary of such information on an annual basis.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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