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**House Committee on Corrections and Institutions  
CRF Proposals**

**TIER I PROPOSALS:**

Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH; SPACE AND HEALTH AND SAFETY  
ASSESSMENT; COVID-19 MITIGATION PREPARATION;  
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND; APPROPRIATION

(a) Appropriation. The sum of up to \$750,000.00 is appropriated from the  
Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Sergeant at Arms in fiscal year 2021 as  
described below.

(1) Of the amount appropriated in this section, the Sergeant at Arms  
may use up to \$100,000.00 for a short-term and long-term space and health and  
safety needs assessment for the Legislative Branch for COVID-19 mitigation  
and meeting social distancing requirements. Any funds not expended for the  
assessment shall be used for the purpose described in subdivision (2) of this  
subsection (a).

(2) Of the amount appropriated in this section, the Sergeant at Arms  
may use up to \$150,000.00 for COVID-mitigation equipment or upgrades to  
the State House, including personal protective equipment (PPE) and other  
health and safety equipment or infrastructure; and

(3) Of the amount appropriated in this section, the Sergeant at Arms  
may use up to \$500,000 for the costs to purchase any equipment or implement  
upgrades or space transfers recommended in the assessment described in  
subdivision (1) of this subsection (a).

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1       (b) Purpose. The General Assembly determines that the expenditure of  
2       monies from the Coronavirus Relief Fund as set forth in this section is  
3       necessary for addressing the health and safety of legislators, staff, and the  
4       public in the State House and other legislative space for the purpose of  
5       COVID-19 mitigation.

6       (c) Authorization. On or before July 10, 2020, the Sergeant at Arms, in  
7       consultation with the Department of Buildings and General Services, shall  
8       contract with an independent third party for a short-term and long-term space  
9       and health and safety needs assessment for the Legislative Branch for COVID-  
10       19 mitigation. The assessment shall include:

11           (1) recommendations for health and safety infrastructure measures  
12           needed to protect staff, legislators, and the public, mitigate COVID-19, and  
13           meet social distancing requirements in the State House, and any other  
14           Legislative Branch space;

15           (2) short and long-term options for use of space or development of  
16           additional space in the Capitol Complex for legislators, committee meetings,  
17           and legislative staff offices, including 133 State Street; and

18           (3) short and long-term options for use of space for legislators,  
19           committee meetings, and legislative staff offices Statewide.

20       (d) Report. On or before August 19, 2020, the Sergeant at Arms shall  
21       submit the assessment described in subsection (a) of this section to the House  
22       Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on

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1 Institutions. The assessment shall include cost estimates for the  
2 recommendations and options described in subdivisions (a)(1)-(3).

3 (e) Contracting procedures. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
4 contrary, the Sergeant at Arms may enter into a contract with an independent  
5 third party for the assessment described in this section without the need to  
6 competitively bid such contracts. For the purposes of the assessment, the  
7 public health risk posed by COVID-19 shall be deemed to be an emergency  
8 situation that justifies the execution of sole source contracts pursuant to  
9 Bulletin 3.5, the State's Procurement and Contracting Procedures.

10 Sec. 2. LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY; CORONAVIRUS  
11 RELIEF FUND; APPROPRIATION

12 (a) Appropriation. The sum of \$250,000.00 is appropriated from the  
13 Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Office of Legislative Information Technology  
14 in fiscal year 2021 for legislative information technology equipment, including  
15 any networking set-up required for the State House or new legislative space,  
16 camera and video set-up, and purchasing hardware, such as laptops and ipads.

17 (b) Purpose. The General Assembly determines that the expenditure of  
18 monies from the Coronavirus Relief Fund as set forth in this section is  
19 necessary for addressing upgrades to the State House information technology  
20 infrastructure, the potential transition to a new legislative space to meet social  
21 distancing requirements, to support a remote work environment for legislators  
22 and legislative staff, and to ensure remote public access to legislative meetings  
23 resulting from the COVID-19 emergency.

1 Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; COVID-19 MITIGATION;

2 CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND; APPROPRIATION

3 (a) Appropriation. The sum of up to \$1,360,000.00 is appropriated from  
4 the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Department of Corrections in fiscal year  
5 2021 as described below.

6 (1) Of the amount appropriated in this section, the Department of  
7 Corrections may use up to \$200,000.00 for rental assistance to support reentry  
8 of persons under the supervision of the Commissioner of Corrections into the  
9 community to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 in State correctional  
10 facilities;

11 (2) Of the amount appropriated in this section, the Department of  
12 Corrections may use up to \$760,000.00 for personal protective equipment  
13 (PPE), temperature scanners, and six full body scanners for COVID-19  
14 mitigation at State correctional facilities and field service offices; and

15 (3) Of the amount appropriated in this section, the Department of  
16 Corrections may use up to \$700,000.00 for technology upgrades to the learning  
17 management system, heat mapping, ipads, and PPE for COVID-19 mitigation  
18 and to support a transition from in-person programs and services to on-line  
19 across facilities.

20 (b) Purpose. The General Assembly determines that the expenditure of  
21 monies from the Coronavirus Relief Fund as set forth in this section is  
22 necessary for addressing the health and safety of persons under the custody of

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1 the Commissioner of Corrections and Department of Corrections staff due to  
2 the COVID-19 emergency.

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4 **TIER II PROPOSALS:**

5 (a) Authority. To the extent that any federal fiscal action to address the  
6 COVID-19 emergency occurs on or before September 1, 2020, including  
7 Congressional approval for states to use Coronavirus Relief Fund monies to  
8 offset pandemic or recession-related revenue losses to the state in fiscal year  
9 2021, or new federal legislation is enacted that provides additional funding to  
10 states to offset pandemic or recession-related revenue losses of the state in  
11 fiscal year 2021, the Emergency Board is authorized to approve the  
12 appropriations in subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

13 (b) Upon approval by the Emergency Board and pursuant to the conditions  
14 set forth in subsection (a) of this section, the amount of \$50,000.00 may be  
15 appropriated to the Sergeant at Arms from the Coronavirus Relief Fund in  
16 fiscal year 2021 for personal protective equipment (PPE) to mitigate COVID-  
17 19.

18 (c) Upon approval by the Emergency Board and pursuant to the conditions  
19 set forth in subsection (a) of this section, the following amounts are  
20 appropriated to the Department of Corrections from the Coronavirus Relief  
21 Fund in fiscal year 2021:

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- 1           (1) \$250,000.00 for rental assistance to support reentry of persons under  
2           the supervision of the Commissioner of Corrections into the community to  
3           reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 in State correctional facilities; and  
4           (2) \$400,000 for PPE to mitigate COVID-19 in State correctional  
5           facilities and field service offices and any costs associated with quarantining  
6           Department staff in hotels, if necessary.

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