Sec. X. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONAL

DEVELOPMENT; INTENT; CONTRACT

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to assist the Department of Corrections to continue and further engage in a professional development initiative to enhance supervisory effectiveness and strengthen leadership development within the Department and among its employees. The Department's enhanced supervisory training is part of its effort to address an employee workforce crisis and strengthen workplace satisfaction.

(b) The Department of Corrections shall contract or expand an existing contract with a vendor to provide supervisory and management professional development services to the Department and among its employees.

(c) On or before March 15, 2024, the Department and the contracted vendor shall testify before the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions about the progress and effectiveness of its professional development initiative. The Department shall make management, supervisory, and frontline staff available to testify.

Sec. X. APPROPRIATION

<u>The sum of \$500,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of</u> <u>Corrections in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of contracting or expanding an existing</u> <u>contract with a vendor to provide supervisory and management professional development</u> <u>services to the Department's employees in accordance with the Department's efforts to</u> address an employee workforce crisis and strengthen workplace satisfaction.