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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Senator Dick Sears, Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Cc: Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer  
From: Ben Novogroski, Legislative Counsel  
Date: April 19, 2023  
Subject: H.494 - Amendments proposed by the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Dear Senator Sears:

This morning the Senate Committee on Judiciary (the “Committee”) heard testimony from the Commissioner of Corrections concerning the Department of Corrections’ (the “Department”) budget provisions within the jurisdiction of the Committee. After discussion of the relevant provisions, the Committee suggests the following changes:

- In Sec. B.1101(b)(1), commit the proposed \$500,000 for Department professional development for another Department purpose, like increasing the appropriation to develop and implement the Department’s Offender Management System (“OMS”) intelligence layer. (p. 106:1-7).
- In Sec. C.101(b), strike subdivisions (1) and (2) so subsection (b) reads “\$250,000 to Community Justice Centers.” (p. 121:2-6).
- In Sec. C.101(c), strike references to specific organizations so it reads: “\$250,000 for re-entry Services to support the re-entry services for incarcerated women at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility.” (p. 121:8-10).
- In Sec. C.101(d), increase the \$500,000 appropriation for the development and implementation of the Department’s OMS intelligence layer to \$1,000,000. (p. 121:11-13).
- In Sec. E.338.2(b), strike reference to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and replace with the Senate Committee on Judiciary. (p. 195:9).
- In Sec. E. 338.3, strike subsection (b) in its entirety. (p. 195:13).
- In Sec. E.338.4, strike the cross-reference to subdivision 722(1)(A) and replace with a cross reference to subdivision 722(1). (p.198:9).