

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No.
3 876 entitled “An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to the corrections
4 laws” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that
5 the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by striking out Sec. 8,
6 executive branch; positions; reclassification, in its entirety and inserting in lieu
7 thereof the following:

8 Sec. 8. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; PROBATION AND PAROLE
9 OFFICERS; HOSPITAL COVERAGE; PLAN

10 (a) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly to afford relief to the
11 probation and parole officers of the Department of Corrections who are
12 providing emergency coverage, in addition to their own duties and
13 responsibilities, to supervise individuals in the custody of the Department who
14 are located or admitted at hospitals.

15 (b) Plan. On or before January 15, 2025, the Department of Corrections, in
16 consultation with the Agency of Administration, shall present a plan to the
17 Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Judiciary and the House
18 Committee on Appropriations and on Corrections and Institutions to address

1 the Department’s staffing shortages related to hospital coverage and in
2 accordance with subsection (a) of this section. The plan shall address:

3 (1) general staffing recommendations to relieve probation and parole
4 officers from providing hospital coverage as outlined in this section;

5 (2) the number of staff required to provide adequate relief to probation
6 and parole officers providing hospital coverage; and

7 (3) the costs associated with the Department’s staffing recommendations
8 and requirements.

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE