

*On or before July 1, 2023, the Department of Mental Health shall, jointly with the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, execute a memorandum of understanding regarding criteria the Commissioners of the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living will use to determine admission to the forensic facility. The memorandum of understanding shall:*

- (a) Establish criteria for consideration for admission to the forensic unit, including a preference, when otherwise appropriate for admission, to those defendants charged with felonies who have been held without bail under section 7553 or section 7553a of this title; and*
- (b) Establish a process for the Commissioners work together to determine appropriate admissions.*