

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Corrections Institution Staffing and Mandatory Overtime

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Evans

On February 20th, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Department of Corrections on institution staffing and mandatory overtime.

The Department of Corrections report included data on its eleven institutions housing male adults-in-custody where overall capacity is 12,379 across 125 different housing units. The Department's estimate of what the male population would need to be by institution to significantly impact mandatory overtime is only 324 below the current population. However, population management has many factors to consider and closing whole or partial units is not always achievable. To mitigate overtime pressure at two institutions, the Department has administratively closed four units and redistributed the adults-in-custody across other units and institutions.

The Department is directed to provide a follow-up report with additional information on all its institutions, including insight into its population management practices, and considering ways to operate its institutions with fewer staff, to the Emergency Board prior to November 2024.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.