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HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 19C.5: Extend Sunset Date for Use of Security Guards at State Prisons and Related Reporting Requirement

Committee:
Introduced by:
Analysis of: Sec. 19C.5 of S.L. 2023-134

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OVERVIEW: Section 19C.5 of S.L. 2023-134 sets the sunset date for use of security guards by the Department of Adult Correction on June 30, 2025.

This section of the act became effective October 3, 2023.

BILL ANALYSIS:

This section of the act sets the new sunset date for the authorization to use security guards at State prison facilities on June 30, 2025.

The Department of Adult Correction must report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety of the General Assembly in 2024 and 2025 on its use of these security guards.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section of the act became effective October 3, 2023.

BACKGROUND: Security guards were authorized to provide certain security services at State prison facilities by S.L. 2020-3. The expiration date in S.L. 2020-3, as amended by Section 19D.1 of S.L. 2022-74, was the earlier of January 1, 2024, or the date of completion of the Youth Development Center in Rockingham County.

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