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House Bill 6085 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Gary A. Newell
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Correctional Officers Training Act to specify that some forensic security aides employed by the Department of Community Health who were transferred to positions as State correctional officers would have to be automatically certified by the Department of Corrections (DOC) if they satisfied certain requirements.

Specifically, an individual employed by the Department of Community Health as a forensic security aide at either the Huron Valley Center or the Center for Forensic Psychiatry who was transferred to a position as a State correctional officer employed by the DOC would have to be automatically certified and recertified by the Department for three years after the date he or she became employed as a correctional officer, if the person met all of the requirements established by law or the DOC for employment as a State correctional officer and did all of the following:

- Within 30 days after the bill's effective date, declared his or her intent to accept the transfer to a position as a State correctional officer.
- Within one year of the date he or she became employed as a State correctional officer, obtained a high school diploma or attained a passing score on the general education development (GED) test indicating a high school graduation level.
- Within three years of the date he or she became employed as a state correctional officer, completed one of the following: a vocational certificate program, equivalent course work, or a degree granted by an accredited postsecondary educational institution.
- Within one year of the date he or she became employed as a State correctional officer, successfully completed new employee training.
- Fulfilled other minimum standards and requirements for certification, except physical fitness requirements.

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FISCAL IMPACT

According to the Department of Corrections, up to 250 forensic security aides would be eligible to become corrections officers under the bill. Because the pay ranges for the positions are the same and because the employees simply would be transferred from one department to the other, there should be no fiscal impact on the State.

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