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SYNOPSIS
Restricts placement of inmates in certain housing units of State correctional facilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As introduced.
AN ACT concerning inmates in State correctional facilities and
supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
of New Jersey:

1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the
contrary, an inmate may be placed in a single housing cell in
disciplinary detention or administrative segregation only when
necessary to protect the inmate or another inmate from physical
harm. An inmate shall not be placed in a single housing cell in
these units for any other purpose, including for disciplinary or
administrative reasons.

b. The provisions of this act shall not apply to the placement of
inmates in double housing cells in disciplinary detention or
administrative segregation.

c. As used in this section, “inmate” means a person sentenced
to imprisonment in a State correctional facility.

2. The Commissioner of Corrections, pursuant to the
seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the
provisions of this act.

3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
following enactment.

STATEMENT

This bill restricts the placement of inmates in certain housing
units of State correctional facilities.

Specifically, under the provisions of this bill, an inmate may be
placed in a single housing cell in disciplinary detention or
administrative segregation only when this placement is necessary to
protect the inmate or another inmate from physical harm. This bill
provides that an inmate cannot be placed in a single housing cell in
these units for any other purpose, including for disciplinary or
administrative reasons.

In addition, under this bill, these restrictions do not apply to
inmates placed in double housing cells in disciplinary detention or
administrative segregation.

The Department of Corrections, by regulation, defines
“disciplinary detention” as the removal of an inmate from the
general population to a short-term close custody unit because of a
disciplinary infraction. In addition, “administrative segregation” is
defined as the removal of an inmate from the general population to
a long-term close custody unit because of one or more disciplinary infractions or other administrative considerations.