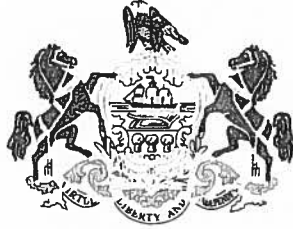


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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Thomas C. Creighton *T.C.C.*

DATE: February 3, 2011

SUBJECT: Cosponsorship – Private Correctional Center
Community Notification Act – Second Version

In the near future, I will be introducing a second version of the Private Correctional Center Community Notification Act.

Just as with the other legislation I had drafted and circulated for cosponsors, this piece is designed to provide notice and an opportunity to comment when a private entity plans to open a center to house inmates who will complete their sentences in the community. Specifically, the bill will require that members of the General Assembly receive notice of the proposed opening of such a facility, as well as require the operator to hold a public hearing. Further, just as with the other bill, this piece places limits on the amount of inmates which a center to house inmates can hold. The prior legislation set a ratio of 5 inmates per 1,000 citizens. This legislation will set a limit of **2 inmates per 1,000 citizens**.

Because the Department of Corrections does not have a contract with these private entities, the notice and hearing requirements of Act 65 of 2010 do not apply. Act 65 of 2010 requires notice and a chance to comment regarding a community corrections facility opening in a municipality, but only if the Department of Corrections has a contract with the facility.

When these facilities house inmates other than state inmates, such as federal and county inmates, there is no regulation at the Commonwealth level. The only regulation would be local zoning requirements. This legislation would provide a minimum level of state regulation, that of providing notice to public officials and an opportunity to comment on the part of the public.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Suzanne Stuck at [sstuck@pahousegop.com](mailto:ssstuck@pahousegop.com) or 787-3879.