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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Forrest) --  
read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to visiting incarcerated  
individuals in state and local correctional facilities

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The correction law is amended by adding a new article 9 to  
2 read as follows:

### ARTICLE 9

#### VISITING IN STATE AND LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

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22 § 220. Definitions. For the purposes of this article, the following  
23 terms shall have the following meanings:

24 1. "Visitor" means a person visiting an incarcerated individual in a  
25 non-professional capacity, including but not limited to a family member,  
26 friend, or romantic partner.

27 2. "Contact visit" means an on-site in-person visit without the pres-  
28 ence of physical barriers between an incarcerated individual and their

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 visitors. Contact visits shall allow for physical contact including but  
2 not limited to hand holding, hugging, and children being able to sit on  
3 their parents' lap during the visit. Contact visits shall not include  
4 interactions through a two-way, audio-video communication device, such  
5 as a computer.

6 3. "Non-contact visit" means an in-person visit with a physical barrier  
7 between an incarcerated individual and their visitors or a visit in  
8 which no physical contact is allowed. Non-contact visits shall not  
9 include interactions through a two-way, audio-video communication  
10 device, such as a computer.

11 4. "Video call" means an interaction between an incarcerated individual  
12 and a visitor through an audio-visual communication device.

13 5. "Employee" means any person employed by the department or a municipi-  
14 ality who works in any capacity in a state or local correctional facil-  
15 ity, or any person who works in any capacity or has a non-personal  
16 reason to be in a state or local correctional facility regardless of the  
17 identity of their employer.

18 6. "State correctional facility" shall have the same meaning as  
19 "correctional facility" as defined in subdivision four of section two of  
20 this chapter.

21 7. "Menstrual product" means a sanitary napkin, tampon, menstrual  
22 disc, or menstrual cup.

23 8. "Contraceptive device" means an intrauterine device (IUD) or  
24 contraceptive implant.

25 9. "Unremovable religious item" means headwear, clothing, or jewelry  
26 that is against one's religious beliefs to remove from their person.

27 10. "Alternative search method" means any procedure used to search an  
28 individual that has not already been utilized on such individual regard-  
29 ing their intended entry into a state or local correctional facility,  
30 including but not limited to use of a body scanner, metal detector, pat  
31 down search, or canine search. All pat down searches for visitors, and  
32 strip searches for incarcerated individuals shall require written  
33 consent from the individual being searched.

34 11. "Body scanner" means equipment that utilizes a low dose of ioniz-  
35 ing radiation or millimeter wave frequency to produce an anatomical  
36 image capable of detecting objects or materials placed on, attached to  
37 or secreted within a person's body.

38 12. "Emergency" means an unexpected, extraordinary situation involving  
39 the detonation of an explosive device, an acute mass contamination or  
40 public health emergency, an ongoing violent riot, revolt, or insurrec-  
41 tion affecting a large number of people, or other similar emergency of  
42 the same magnitude and requiring immediate action to protect the safety  
43 of those involved. A staffing shortage or other lack of staff shall not  
44 constitute an emergency.

45 13. "High-level employee" means the correctional facility superinten-  
46 dent, sergeant, lieutenant, facility administrative employee, or for a  
47 local correctional facility, the sheriff.

48 § 221. Visiting schedules. 1. All forensic mental health facilities  
49 shall allow in-person contact visits every day of the week, for multiple  
50 hours per day.

51 2. All state or local correctional facilities shall allow in-person  
52 contact visits with up to four visitors at a time, every day of the  
53 week, for at least six hours per day at state facilities.

54 3. Visits after six o'clock in the evening shall be made available on  
55 Saturdays, Sundays, and a minimum of two weekdays at all state and local  
56 correctional facilities.

1 4. Visitors shall be permitted to remain in the designated visiting  
2 area up to the entirety of visiting hours for that facility unless space  
3 does not permit due to the number of visitors visiting that day.

4 5. The number, length, and frequency of visits by each visitor may be  
5 limited only as necessary to accommodate all visitors who arrive during  
6 scheduled visiting times.

7 6. Multiple sets of visitors shall be permitted to visit an incarcer-  
8 ated individual at different times on the same day and a visitor shall  
9 be permitted to visit multiple incarcerated individuals at different  
10 times on the same day.

11 7. Visitors who leave a correctional facility after visiting an incar-  
12 cerated individual shall be permitted to return to the facility that  
13 same day to participate in a visit, including with either the same  
14 incarcerated individual originally visited or a different incarcerated  
15 individual.

16 8. All state and local correctional facilities shall allow visits on  
17 all state holidays.

18 9. All visiting schedules shall be regularly updated online and shall  
19 be clearly and conspicuously posted in the visitor processing areas.  
20 Changes to visiting schedules shall be posted within one week of such  
21 changes being made.

22 § 222. Visitor processing timeline. 1. Each correctional facility  
23 shall process visitors as expeditiously as possible and ensure that the  
24 incarcerated individual being visited and their visitor are able to be  
25 together starting within one hour of the visitor arriving at the facili-  
26 ty within visiting hours; provided, however, that the incarcerated indi-  
27 vidual being visited may voluntarily choose to take more time to come  
28 for the visit.

29 2. State and local correctional facilities shall establish a system to  
30 allow visitors to document their arrival time for a visit at a correc-  
31 tional facility to ensure that visitors are not waiting longer than one  
32 hour. Data collected by such system shall not keep any individual iden-  
33 tifying information about any individual visitor.

34 (a) Data on wait times at state correctional facilities shall be  
35 shared quarterly with the inspector general. The inspector general shall  
36 publish such data annually and shall include in such publication the  
37 average wait times at each state correctional facility. Upon such annual  
38 publication, the inspector general shall investigate the state correc-  
39 tional facilities with the highest wait times and shall make recommenda-  
40 tions to the department on how to reduce such wait times.

41 (b) Data on wait times at local correctional facilities shall be  
42 shared quarterly with the commission. The commission shall publish such  
43 data annually and shall include in such publication the average wait  
44 times at each local correctional facility. Upon such annual publication,  
45 the commission shall investigate the local correctional facilities with  
46 the highest wait times and shall make recommendations to the local  
47 correctional facilities on how to reduce such wait times.

48 3. The department and local correctional facilities shall establish a  
49 system to allow visitors to opt-in to receive automated text messages  
50 notifying visitors in a timely manner when visiting days or hours are  
51 changed, visits are cancelled, or visiting hours are reduced or signif-  
52 icantly delayed.

53 § 223. Visiting room accessibility and conditions. 1. All state and  
54 local correctional facilities shall be accessible to visitors with disa-  
55 bilities, including but not limited to, ensuring that each facility  
56 provides sufficient seating in waiting areas and lobbies, including

1 outdoor seating, outdoor awnings, working air conditioning inside visit-  
2 ing processing areas and visiting rooms within the correctional facili-  
3 ties, and the ability to use a cane or other mobility device at all  
4 points during the visiting process.

5 2. All locations involved in visiting, including waiting areas, proc-  
6 essing areas, and visit rooms, shall be kept clean and in working order  
7 as defined by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
8 Restrooms and Sanitation Requirements and shall include water for hand  
9 washing, working bathrooms, hand soap, paper towels or hand dryers, and  
10 drinking water which shall be available at no cost. The department and  
11 local correctional facilities shall provide visitors with a mechanism to  
12 report any unsatisfactory conditions in such locations.

13 3. Visitors and incarcerated individuals shall have access to working  
14 vending machines. Such vending machines shall contain a variety of heal-  
15 thy foods representative of diverse cultural backgrounds and the prices  
16 shall reflect community standard prices.

17 § 224. Visiting rights. 1. All visitors and incarcerated individuals  
18 being visited shall be treated with dignity and respect at all times.

19 2. Visitors and incarcerated individuals shall not be denied a contact  
20 visit solely on the basis of an odor of alcohol or marijuana or because  
21 they appear to be under the influence.

22 3. All correctional facilities shall have an amnesty box located in  
23 front of the facility which shall serve as a mechanism for visitors to  
24 dispose of any items which would be confiscated while going through the  
25 security process. The amnesty box shall be in a prominent location with  
26 clearly marked signs indicating its purpose. Any person utilizing the  
27 amnesty box shall not face any consequences for doing so.

28 § 225. Radiologist consultant. The department shall hire at least one  
29 radiologist whose duties shall include determining whether an alleged  
30 abnormality found on an image from a body scanner is contraband when an  
31 employee is not able to make such a determination. Such radiologist  
32 shall be available for virtual consultation during all visiting hours.

33 § 226. Visit denials, exceptions and accommodations. 1. The commis-  
34 sion, in consultation with the department and local municipalities,  
35 shall establish procedures regarding the daily use of available screen-  
36 ing methods, which shall include a rotation of body scanners, metal  
37 detectors, and canine searches, and shall establish protocols for which  
38 methods should be used for visitors and incarcerated individuals who are  
39 being visited on various days at each facility. Such procedures shall  
40 also include provisions establishing that alternative methods of screen-  
41 ing may be used to accommodate individuals who are unable to be screened  
42 by body imaging scanning equipment for medical reasons.

43 2. Individuals under the age of eighteen and pregnant individuals  
44 shall not be screened by a body scanner utilizing any level of ioniza-  
45 tion. Procedures for identifying pregnant individuals shall be set  
46 forth in the procedures established by the commission, in consultation  
47 with the department and local municipalities.

48 3. Employees shall not ask visitors or incarcerated individuals who  
49 are being visited to remove items which would cause undue hardship or  
50 humiliation, including but not limited to unremovable religious items,  
51 wigs, menstrual products, contraceptive devices, and adult or children's  
52 diapers.

53 4. No visitor or incarcerated individual shall be denied access to an  
54 in-person contact visit unless contraband that is unlawful to possess  
55 outside of a correctional facility is found on the body of the visitor

1 or the incarcerated individual being visited. The suspicion of contra-  
2 band shall not warrant a visit denial.

3 5. A visitor or incarcerated individual shall have the opportunity to  
4 discard any item found on their body that is lawful to possess outside  
5 of a correctional facility and shall subsequently be entitled to a  
6 contact-visit if no contraband is found to exist on the body of the  
7 visitor or incarcerated individual during a second search.

8 6. During all visiting hours, there shall be a high-level employee  
9 trained in visiting policies who can be consulted in the event a problem  
10 with visiting should occur.

11 (a) High-level employees shall have the authority to override an  
12 employee's decision regarding granting a visitor access to a contact  
13 visit.

14 (b) Visitors and incarcerated individuals being visited shall be  
15 allowed to request to speak to a high-level employee, who shall speak  
16 with the visitor or incarcerated individual within no more than thirty  
17 minutes after such request. Visitors and incarcerated individuals shall  
18 have the opportunity to submit complaints to a high-level employee after  
19 a visit takes place.

20 7. Alternative search methods shall be used for visitors and incarcer-  
21 ated individuals that have reached body scanner radiation exposure  
22 limits. Upon clearing such alternative search method, the visitor or  
23 incarcerated individual shall be permitted to have a contact visit.

24 8. Body scanner and pat-down searches shall be conducted by a staff  
25 member of the same gender as the visitor or incarcerated individual,  
26 unless a staff member of the same gender is not available due to staff-  
27 ing capacity, in which case the visitor or incarcerated individual shall  
28 be offered an alternative search method and permitted to have a contact  
29 visit if the visitor or incarcerated individual clears such alternative  
30 search method.

31 9. In all state correctional facilities, and applicable local correc-  
32 tional facilities, visitor and incarcerated individual processing,  
33 including body scans and alternative search methods, shall be recorded  
34 with video and audio via activated body-worn cameras and/or stationary  
35 cameras. The department and applicable local correctional facility shall  
36 preserve such recordings for at least ninety days or until a filed  
37 appeal is resolved.

38 10. In no instance shall a malfunctioning or damaged body scanner  
39 result in the cancelling of visits or defaulting to non-contact visits.  
40 In such instance, alternative search methods shall be utilized.

41 § 227. Body scanner procedures. The following procedures shall be  
42 followed upon allegations by employees of abnormalities on a body scan-  
43 ner image of a visitor or incarcerated individual in the following  
44 order:

45 1. The visitor or incarcerated individual shall be informed where on  
46 their person the image is displaying an alleged abnormality and the  
47 visitor or incarcerated individual shall be given the opportunity to  
48 address or remove said abnormality or any object that may wrongfully  
49 appear as an abnormality, unless the alleged abnormality on the scan is  
50 referring to a menstrual product, contraceptive device, or unremovable  
51 religious or medically necessary items. The visitor or incarcerated  
52 individual shall then be given the opportunity to go through the body  
53 scanner a second time and shall be permitted a contact visit if the scan  
54 no longer indicates an alleged abnormality.

55 2. If the employee reviewing the scan determines that the scan still  
56 indicates an alleged abnormality and the visitor or incarcerated indi-

1 vidual insists that they do not have contraband on their person, the  
2 radiologist shall be contacted within thirty minutes to digitally review  
3 the scan in order to make a determination. The radiologist shall return  
4 with a determination no later than ninety minutes after the radiologist  
5 is contacted. If the radiologist determines that the scan does not indi-  
6 cate contraband, then the visitor or incarcerated individual shall be  
7 granted a contact visit.

8 3. (a) If the radiologist determines that contraband is present, the  
9 visitor or incarcerated individual shall be offered the opportunity to  
10 remove or discard the contraband and shall then be given the opportunity  
11 to go through the body scanner a third time. The visitor or incarcerated  
12 individual shall be permitted a contact visit if the scan no longer  
13 indicates an alleged abnormality.

14 (b) If the radiologist determines that the scan is inconclusive and  
15 that contraband may be present, the visitor or incarcerated individual  
16 shall be offered the option for an alternative search method. If contra-  
17 band is not recovered via the alternative search method, the visitor or  
18 incarcerated individual shall be permitted to have a contact visit. If  
19 an item that is lawful to possess outside of a correctional facility is  
20 recovered via an alternative search method, the visitor or incarcerated  
21 individual shall be given the opportunity to go through the body scanner  
22 a third time. If the scan no longer indicates an alleged abnormality,  
23 the visitor or incarcerated individual shall be permitted a contact  
24 visit. If there is still an alleged abnormality, the visitor or incar-  
25 cerated individual shall be permitted a non-contact visit. If the visi-  
26 tor or incarcerated individual chooses to forgo an alternative search  
27 method after their third body scan, the visitor or incarcerated individ-  
28 ual shall be permitted to have a non-contact visit.

29 4. Recovery of contraband that is unlawful to possess outside of a  
30 correctional facility or denial of a visit shall immediately result in a  
31 written notice to the visitor and the incarcerated individual being  
32 visited stating the reason for denying the visit and, if applicable,  
33 where on the body any contraband was found. Such notice shall be given  
34 to the visitor onsite, immediately following such visitation denial.

35 § 228. Visitor medical exemptions. 1. Visitors with a medical condi-  
36 tion that exempts them from utilizing a body scanner for reasons involv-  
37 ing their health shall present documentation from a licensed medical  
38 provider at the time of their visit. When such documentation is  
39 provided, the visitor shall be entitled to an alternative search method  
40 and permitted a contact visit if contraband that is illegal to possess  
41 outside of a correctional facility is not recovered.

42 2. Visitors with a medical device or a medical condition that exempts  
43 them from utilizing a body scanner shall present documentation from a  
44 licensed medical provider at the time of the visit. Visitors who are  
45 unable to present such documentation at the time of the visit shall be:  
46 (a) notified of the requirement to bring such documentation; (b) offered  
47 a one-time exception to such requirement; and (c) offered an alternative  
48 search method. Clearing an alternative search method shall result in a  
49 contact-visit.

50 § 229. Incarcerated individual visiting rights. 1. No incarcerated  
51 individual shall be strip searched before or after visiting unless the  
52 incarcerated individual voluntarily chooses to be strip searched in lieu  
53 of going through a body scanner or other alternative search method. Any  
54 incarcerated individual voluntarily undergoing a strip search shall be  
55 required to provide written consent.

1 2. Incarcerated individuals shall not have visiting rights revoked,  
2 nor be denied contact visits, as a consequence of any infraction nor for  
3 any reason other than an emergency.

4 3. All visiting rights set forth in this article shall apply to incar-  
5 cerated individuals housed in all units, including segregated confine-  
6 ment.

7 4. The department or local correctional facility shall provide incar-  
8 cerated individuals with a personal tablet to have in their cell or cube  
9 that can be used to make personal video calls free of charge to supple-  
10 ment in-person visits.

11 § 230. Investigations and appeals. 1. Internal investigations related  
12 to the recovery of contraband from a visitor or an incarcerated individ-  
13 ual shall be concluded by the department or local correctional facility  
14 within three weeks of recovering such contraband. Upon conclusion of any  
15 such investigation, a written explanation shall be sent to the visitor  
16 or incarcerated individual containing the outcome of the investigation  
17 and a detailed, non-conclusory description of the investigation, includ-  
18 ing information about: the alleged contraband; any evidence collected in  
19 the investigation; and any consultation with a radiologist, if applica-  
20 ble. A visitor or incarcerated individual may submit an appeal to any  
21 decision made by the department or local correctional facility no later  
22 than three weeks after the written explanation was sent to the visitor  
23 or incarcerated individual. Such appeal shall be reviewed by a high-lev-  
24 el employee and shall be conducted through an appeals hearing as set  
25 forth by department or local correctional facility procedures. The  
26 high-level employee shall issue a decision on such appeal within two  
27 weeks of submission of such appeal and such decision shall be sent to  
28 the visitor or incarcerated individual within one week of the decision.

29 2. Where applicable, video and audio footage of the interaction with  
30 the visitor or incarcerated individual taken by body-worn or stationary  
31 cameras and body scan images shall be made available upon request of the  
32 visitor and/or their lawyer if the visitor or incarcerated individual  
33 wishes to appeal a decision, suspension or limitation on visiting. Such  
34 video footage or body scan images shall be made available to the visi-  
35 tor, incarcerated individual, and/or their lawyer within two weeks of  
36 the request for such footage or images.

37 § 231. Visit suspensions. 1. No visitor or incarcerated individual  
38 shall be suspended from contact visits for a period of time beyond the  
39 day in which such a visit is denied.

40 2. Any visit suspension issued or in effect prior to the effective  
41 date of this article shall be revoked upon the effective date of this  
42 article and visitation shall immediately be reinstated, subject to the  
43 provisions of this article.

44 3. All previously suspended visitors and incarcerated individuals  
45 whose visiting rights were suspended prior to the effective date of this  
46 article shall receive notification that their visiting rights have been  
47 reinstated, along with notification of the provisions in this article,  
48 adjusted for brevity, within thirty days of the effective date of this  
49 article. Such notification shall be provided to incarcerated individuals  
50 and the suspended visitor at such visitors' address on file.

51 § 232. Employee training and discipline. 1. Employees who process  
52 visitors, staff visiting rooms, or operate any security machines or  
53 equipment shall be required to complete visiting training annually. Such  
54 training shall include trauma-informed approaches to interacting with  
55 visitors, children, and incarcerated individuals, as well as comprehen-  
56 sive training on the operation of body scanners.

1 2. Employees found, through the appeals process set forth by the  
2 department or local correctional facility, to have wrongfully or unfair-  
3 ly engaged in a pattern of denying contact or non-contact visits to a  
4 visitor or incarcerated individual, or engaged in the mistreatment of  
5 visitors, shall be temporarily reassigned to another part of the correc-  
6 tional facility while completing appropriate training.

7 3. Upon completion of such appropriate training, the employee may be  
8 reassigned to visitor processing. Employees subsequently found to have  
9 repeatedly denied contact visits to a visitor or incarcerated individual  
10 based solely on a body scan, engaged in other misconduct of visitor  
11 processing, or who did not follow the guidelines set forth in this arti-  
12 cle, shall be permanently reassigned from visitor processing and/or  
13 staffing visiting rooms and shall be subject to an investigation and  
14 subsequent discipline for misconduct.

15 § 233. Emergencies; suspension of visits. 1. A state or local correc-  
16 tional facility shall not suspend or limit visits in any manner except  
17 as authorized pursuant to this article; provided, however, that visits  
18 may be suspended or limited due to an emergency, as defined in section  
19 two hundred twenty of this article.

20 2. Any declared emergency, and any restrictions on visits due to a  
21 declared emergency, shall:

22 (a) be limited to the minimum amount of time necessary to respond to  
23 the emergency;

24 (b) be limited to as few correctional facilities and as few areas  
25 within correctional facilities as necessary;

26 (c) impact as few people as possible; and

27 (d) be as limited in scope as possible.

28 3. Except for emergencies involving a mass contagion, no emergency or  
29 restriction as a result of an emergency shall last for longer than seven  
30 days. The department or local municipality shall not declare another  
31 emergency unless a new independent event that meets the criteria of an  
32 emergency has taken place. In the event of an emergency involving a mass  
33 contagion, no emergency and no restriction as a result of an emergency  
34 shall last longer than health officials declare necessary to respond to  
35 the emergency.

36 4. For any public health or mass contagion emergency, the department  
37 or local correctional facility shall consult with the department of  
38 health to determine necessary actions to return to pre-emergency stand-  
39 ards of visiting and to provide guidance on how visiting can be safely  
40 offered prior to a full resumption of pre-emergency standards of visit-  
41 ing in accordance with this article.

42 5. The department or local correctional facility shall take immediate  
43 steps to mitigate the effects of an emergency on visits and shall imple-  
44 ment temporary protocols which allow for the partial or complete resto-  
45 ration of visits in accordance with this article. The department or  
46 local correctional facility shall fully restore visits in accordance  
47 with this article upon the conclusion of the emergency or at such time  
48 as it is no longer necessary to suspend or limit visits due to such  
49 emergency, whichever is earlier.

50 6. In the event visits are suspended during an emergency, the depart-  
51 ment or local correctional facility shall provide access to video calls  
52 and letter writing materials, including paper, envelopes, and stamps,  
53 free of charge, while the department or local correctional facility  
54 takes steps to restore in-person visits.

55 7. The declaration of an emergency by the department or a local  
56 correctional facility shall be published on the department's or local

1 municipality's website no later than six hours after the start of the  
2 emergency and shall be updated daily, in a written statement that  
3 includes:

4 (a) The time and date of the declaration of an emergency;

5 (b) The reason for declaring an emergency;

6 (c) The portion or portions of a correctional facility impacted by the  
7 emergency;

8 (d) Whether, to the department or local correctional facility's know-  
9 ledge, an outside agency, department, or authority has also declared an  
10 emergency and a citation to any such declaration; and

11 (e) The expected duration of the emergency, steps being taken to miti-  
12 gate the effects of the emergency on visits, any temporary protocols  
13 which allow for the partial or complete restoration of visits in accord-  
14 ance with this article, and the expected timeframe for return to pre-em-  
15 ergency standards of visiting and how such return will be achieved.

16 8. The department or local correctional facility shall conduct a  
17 review of the state of the emergency and update the declaration of emer-  
18 gency daily. When the emergency no longer exists or no longer necessi-  
19 tates limitations on visits, visiting shall be restored to pre-emergenc-  
20 standards of visiting as set forth in this article.

21 9. Any declaration of emergency made by the department shall be  
22 submitted to the governor and the senate and assembly corrections  
23 committees within six hours after such declaration of the emergency.

24 § 234. Reporting. 1. The department or municipality of a local  
25 correctional facility shall publish public annual reports on its  
26 website, disaggregated by correctional facility, which shall include:

27 (a) the number of visitors;

28 (b) the number of visitors that were denied contact visits and the  
29 reasons for such denials;

30 (c) the length of time of each visit, broken down by the number of  
31 visits that lasted between zero to one hour, one to three hours, three  
32 to four hours, and four plus hours;

33 (d) the number of times body scanner equipment was used on individuals  
34 detained in or visiting a correctional facility upon intake, before a  
35 visit, after a visit, and upon the suspicion of contraband, as well as  
36 any other event that triggers the use of such equipment, and the aver-  
37 age, median, and highest number of times such equipment was used on any  
38 individual detained in or visiting the correctional facility, along with  
39 corresponding exposure levels;

40 (e) any incidents, injuries or illnesses resulting from the use of  
41 body scanning equipment or reported by persons scanned by such equip-  
42 ment;

43 (f) the number of appeals that were requested pursuant to this article  
44 and the outcomes of such appeals;

45 (g) the number of times contraband was recovered, with specification  
46 of the types of contraband recovered;

47 (h) the number of complaints received in regard to visiting and the  
48 nature of such complaints;

49 (i) the number of employees who were required to complete visitor  
50 processing training, in addition to the annual visiting training, as a  
51 result of complaints from visitors;

52 (j) the number of employees that received disciplinary action due to  
53 visiting misconduct and a description of such misconduct;

54 (k) the number of employees that were permanently removed from proc-  
55 essing visitors and the reason why such employees were removed;

56 (l) the number of employees processing visitors;

1 (m) the number of employees stationed in search areas after visits;  
2 (n) the number of employees stationed inside visiting rooms; and  
3 (o) all emergency related suspensions or limitations on visiting in  
4 any manner to be less than the requirements of this article.

5 2. The commission shall conduct a study to research and make recommen-  
6 dations on approaches to safely reducing contraband and how to improve  
7 the accuracy and safety of visitor processing in state and local correc-  
8 tional facilities. Such study shall include participation and input from  
9 formerly incarcerated individuals, loved ones of incarcerated individ-  
10 uals, non-profit representatives that provide services to incarcerated  
11 individuals, and lawyers who work within the criminal justice field. The  
12 study shall research the minimum and maximum number of employees proc-  
13 essing visitors and staffing visiting rooms needed in proportion to the  
14 number of incarcerated individuals and the average number of visitors  
15 and the commission shall make recommendations based on the findings of  
16 such study.

17 § 235. Right to bring an action. Any incarcerated individual in a  
18 correctional facility and any person who visited or attempted to visit  
19 an incarcerated individual in a correctional facility shall have a right  
20 to bring an action in state court based on any violation of this article  
21 and may seek: (i) to enjoin such violation; (ii) to obtain a declaratory  
22 judgment; (iii) to recover monetary damages; and (iv) any other relief  
23 deemed appropriate by the court.

24 § 236. Law to be posted. A copy of this law shall be adjusted for  
25 brevity and posted in the visitor processing area of each correctional  
26 facility, and in common spaces inside each correctional facility in the  
27 top three languages spoken by incarcerated individuals and visitors at  
28 or visiting such facility, and shall be visible to visitors to and  
29 employees at all times.

30 § 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
31 have become a law.