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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Vella-Wilkinson, Kennedy, Ajello, Kislak,
Morales, Hull, Abney, Felix, and Alzate

Date Introduced: March 02, 2022

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-56-17 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-56 entitled "Corrections
2 Department" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-56-17. Identification and description of inmates.**

4 (a) The director of corrections, or his or her designee, shall cause prisoners confined under
5 sentence in the adult correctional institutions to be physically and factually described in accordance
6 with accepted criminal identification standards for the identification of criminals. The director of
7 corrections, or his or her designee, shall cause identification to be made by a person or persons in
8 the official service of the state, and shall prescribe rules and regulations for keeping accurate
9 records at those institutions, and for classifying and indexing the records.

10 (b) The department of corrections shall collect the following information from individuals
11 entering its custody: sex, race, nativity (country of origin), religion, and level of education, and
12 publish a summary of such information on an annual basis.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would direct the department of corrections to collect from individuals entering its
2 custody information on: sex, race, nativity (country of origin), religion, and level of education, and
3 publish a summary of such information on an annual basis.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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