

# Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

*Ben Mickens 271-1403*

**AMENDMENT #2025-3102s, relative to the internal reorganization of the Department of Corrections, to SB 301, creating a joint legislative oversight committee.**

**Hearing Date:** December 3, 2025

**Time Opened:** 11:00 a.m.

**Time Closed:** 11:08 a.m.

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senator Pearl, Lang, Long, and Perkins Kwoka

**Members of the Committee Absent:** Senators McGough, Gannon, Altschiller and Reardon

**Amendment Analysis:** This bill updates the organizational structure of the Department of Corrections.

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**Sponsors:**  
Sen. Gray

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**Who supports the bill:** Senator James Gray; DOC Commissioner William Hart

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

Senator Gray, Prime Sponsor:

- Sen. Gray introduced non-germane Amendment #2025-3102s to SB 301.
- This amendment will help the Department of Corrections meet its budget by flattening out and restructuring the department.
- Sen. Perkins Kwoka asked a clarifying question for the record: if this was done in collaboration with the department. Sen. Gray confirmed it was.

Commissioner William Hart, Department of Corrections:

- Commissioner Hart expressed his appreciation for the Legislature's willingness to work on this issue with the DOC.
- The amendment has multiple goals: Primarily, it is cost reductions. The first year will result in \$40,000-45,000 in savings. Similar results are expected in the second year. As attrition takes place over time, costs will be reduced by approximately \$500,000. Secondarily, it smooths out the current structure of the department, adding flexibility by contracting or expanding as needed.

Additionally, it divides responsibilities of the Assistant Commissioner's Office between security and professional operations. It also creates a career path for someone who joins the department as a Corrections Officer.

- Sen. Lang sought to confirm this will bifurcate the top levels of DOC into security operations and administrative operations at no new costs and with savings attached. Commissioner Hart confirmed same.
- These changes are at the Assistant Commissioner and Director level, not at the staff level.
- Commissioner Hart confirmed for Sen. Lang the \$450,000-550,000 for reduction in spending over the biennium.

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