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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4743

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4743 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. This Act may be referred to as the Christopher
5 James Act.

6 Section 5. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by
7 adding Section 3-2-5.1 as follows:

8 (730 ILCS 5/3-2-5.1 new)

9 Sec. 3-2-5.1. Department to establish a Safety Committee.

10 (a) The Department shall establish a Safety Committee
11 comprised of bargaining unit and non-bargaining unit
12 Department employees. At least 40% of committee members shall
13 be bargaining unit employees. The Committee shall assess the
14 Department's compliance with the Occupational Safety and
15 Health Act and any other applicable workplace health and

1 safety laws and shall make recommendations for improvements to
2 processes and procedures to improve workplace safety. The
3 Committee shall prepare an annual report on the Department's
4 workplace safety efforts and plans for the future to further
5 promote safety in the workplace.

6 (b) The Director of Corrections shall appoint the
7 non-bargaining unit members of the Safety Committee. The
8 exclusive collective bargaining representative of the majority
9 of Department of Corrections employees shall appoint the
10 bargaining unit members of the Safety Committee. The Director
11 of Corrections shall appoint the chairperson of the Committee.
12 The appointed chairperson of the Committee shall have a
13 professional background and training in an environmental
14 health and safety field. The chairperson of the Safety
15 Committee, or the chairperson's designee, may conduct a
16 workplace safety inspection of any property, equipment, or
17 workplace under the control or supervision of the Department
18 at any time and shall conduct random unannounced inspections
19 as often as deemed necessary.

20 (c) The chairperson of the Safety Committee, or the
21 chairperson's designee, may also investigate training
22 practices for the use of equipment and may direct that
23 alternative trainings be used. The Committee chairperson, or
24 the chairperson's designee, may take any piece of equipment
25 lacking industry standard safeguards out of service. The
26 jurisdiction of the Safety Committee is strictly limited to

1 Occupational Safety and Health Act and any other applicable
2 workplace health and safety laws.

3 (d) The provisions of this Section are subject to
4 appropriations."