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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 60% of the  
7 Safety Committee, including the non-bargaining unit members  
8 and up to 2 members of the International Union of Operating  
9 Engineers. The exclusive collective bargaining representative  
10 of the majority of the Department of Corrections employees  
11 shall appoint the remaining 40% of the Safety Committee. The  
12 Director of Corrections shall appoint the chairperson of the  
13 Committee. The appointed chairperson of the Committee shall  
14 have a professional background and training in an  
15 environmental health and safety field. The chairperson of the  
16 Safety Committee, or the chairperson's designee, may conduct a  
17 workplace safety inspection of any property, equipment, or  
18 workplace under the control or supervision of the Department  
19 at any time and shall conduct random unannounced inspections  
20 as often as deemed necessary.

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

1 jurisdiction of the Safety Committee is strictly limited to  
2 Occupational Safety and Health Act and any other applicable  
3 workplace health and safety laws.

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