

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Pursuant to P.A. 124 of 2007
Section 806(2)
HIV, Hepatitis C Testing Report

Section 806 (2) requires the Department to report to the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on Corrections, the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on Community Health, the Senate and House Fiscal Agencies, and the State Budget Director on the number of offenders tested and the number of offenders testing positive for HIV, the Hepatitis C antibody, or both at prison admission and parole, transfer to community residential placement or discharge on the maximum sentence.

The manner in which this data had previously been collected does not allow for the Department to entirely aggregate the information as requested. This specifically pertains to the testing of offenders at parole, transfer to community residential placement, and discharge on the maximum sentence. Previously, prisoners were tested upon admission only. Beginning January 1, 2008 the department is requiring all prisoners to be tested upon admission and at time of release. The Department will ensure that the data is available for future reporting purposes.

During calendar year 2007, 13,305 prisoners were tested upon admission for HIV. Of those, 215 tested positive. For the same period, 1,386 prisoners were tested upon admission for HVC. Of those, 724 tested positive.