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Overview

This bill authorizes courts and the commissioner of corrections to require sex offenders to submit to polygraphic examinations as a condition of probation or release from prison. The bill also contains an unspecified appropriation for these exams.

Section

- Use of polygraphs for sex offenders on probation or conditional release. Authorizes courts and the commissioner of corrections to order sex offenders who are on probation or on supervised or conditional release to submit to polygraphic examinations to ensure their compliance with the terms of probation or the conditions of release. Authorizes courts and the commissioner to order the offender to pay all or part of the costs of the exams and permits waiver of this fee if the offender is indigent or if payment would cause economic hardship to the offender's immediate family.
- **Protocol on use of polygraphs.** Requests the chief justice of the Supreme Court, in consultation with the Conference of Chief Judges, to develop a protocol for the use of polygraphic examinations on sex offenders who are placed on probation. Requires the distribution of the protocol to judges across the state.
- **Appropriation.** Appropriates unspecified amounts from the general fund to the commissioner of corrections and the state court administrator for the polygraphic examinations described in section 1.
- **Effective date.** Day following final enactment.