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Testimony
SB 570 – Emergency Services – Exposure to Contagious Diseases and Viruses—
Notification and Other Requirements
Support

AFSCME Council 3 represents Correctional Officers in the State Correctional Facilities. We support SB 570. This legislation adds the 2019—nCoV virus to the list of contagious diseases and viruses that trigger the notification requirement in the Health General Article 18-213. If a Correctional Officer comes into contact with an inmate who subsequently tests positive for the 2019—nCoV virus, SB 570 would require that the attending physician or medical examiner notify the Correctional Officer and Correctional Officer’s Institution of the potential exposure to the contagious virus within 48 hours or sooner.

Successfully preventing the outbreaks of contagious diseases and viruses requires properly notifying all individuals who are potentially exposed. Correctional Officers must accompany inmates to the hospital when they need emergency medical care. Our Correctional Officers deserve to know if they’ve been potentially exposed to an individual diagnosed with a contagious disease or virus. This timely notification allows for appropriate medical care to be administered to the Officer and helps to prevent the potential infections of their colleagues, other inmates, and their family members. SB 570 is a good bill.

We urge the committee to provide a favorable report on SB 570. Thank you.

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