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## Rep. McGee Applauds Passage of Bill to Improve Housing Options for Residents Released from Prison

**State Rep. Brandon McGee** (D-Hartford/Windsor) applauded the House's passage today of a proposal he introduced to address the lack of housing options for individuals recently released from prison.

[House Bill 5375](#) would create a working group to study available housing options for people re-entering the community after incarceration, with the goal of identifying areas of need and potential legislative remedies.

“Obtaining housing is one of the biggest challenges people face when they’re released from prison and trying to re-enter the community. Finding a place to live is the first step for these individuals in rebuilding their lives, but the stigma of a prison term can severely limit their options,” **Rep. McGee** said. “Identifying how Connecticut can better meet this need will reduce recidivism and ensure everyone truly gets a second chance.”

The bill was one of the priorities outlined earlier this session by the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus, along with legislation to improve health care for inmates.

The working group would consist of employees of the Commission on Equity and Opportunity, the Commissioner of Housing, or the commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of Correction, or the commissioner's designee, and community stakeholders. The working group would submit a report of their recommendations to the legislature's Housing Committee by January 1, 2019.

The bill passed the House by a vote of 131-11.

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