



NEWS FROM THE **CONNECTICUT SENATE DEMOCRATS**

Murder with Special Circumstances

Term: Life In Prison Without The Possibility Of Release (with special conditions)

The inmate *will not* be placed with the general population of a high security prison. The inmate will serve out his or her term at Northern or at a Maximum Security Prison, separated from the general prison population.

1. Upon conviction the inmate shall be subject to the following:
 - Receive **Special Circumstances High Security Status** (the inmate will forever retain this status) and be assigned an initial classification of Level 4 High Security Status
 - Undergo a re-classification process of up to 12 months at the Northern Correctional Institute, taking into consideration the risk the inmate poses to staff and other inmates
 - Placement in Administrative Segregation or Protective Custody, as required
 - Permitted only non-contact visitation
2. Upon completion of the re-classification assessment, the inmate may be transferred to a Maximum Security Prison or remain at Northern if the inmate has failed to meet the requirements for reassignment.
3. The conditions of confinement for inmates during their entire term of life in prison without the possibility of release, including time at a Maximum Security Prison, shall include but not be limited to:
 - Separate housing unit from other inmates not in Special Circumstances High Security Status
 - Continuous escorted or monitored movement only
 - Minimum of two cell searches per week
 - Cell movement every 90 days
 - No work assignments outside of the assigned housing unit
 - Non-contact visitation only
 - Limited time outside the prison cell (2 hours out, 22 hours in)
4. The Commissioner may for compelling correctional management or safety reasons modify any condition of confinement subject to the conditions of number 3, above, (and must report any modifications to the General Assembly, see below).
5. The Commissioner shall report annually to the General Assembly:
 - The number and location of inmates in Special Circumstances High Security Status
 - The specific conditions of confinement imposed on each such inmate

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