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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3383-01
Bill No.: HB 1203
Subject: Medical Procedures and Personnel; Department of Corrections
Type: Original
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Bill Summary: The proposal requires any inmate receiving on-site medical examination or treatment from correctional center personnel to be charged 25 cents per visit.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
General Revenue	(Unknown) to \$40,000	(Unknown) to \$40,000	(Unknown) to \$40,000
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(Unknown) to \$40,000	(Unknown) to \$40,000	(Unknown) to \$40,000

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** state any funds which may be generated by passage of this bill may not be sufficient to be cost effective to implement even if the funds could be utilized by the DOC. Many funds of this sort must be paid into General Revenue. Otherwise a special fund must be authorized, implemented, and monitored and additional staff (some at each institution) may potentially be required to perform these duties. Inmates do not have cash money, so any monetary process must be generated via their caseworkers using the institutional “green check” system. Fund access would be necessary throughout the day to check accounts, make transactions, etc. This could require computer system enhancements to further track inmate accounts (other than only in the institutional canteen “stores” at present) as well as caseworker time away from their current duties.

In reviewing the legislation, DOC medical administration is unsure what treatments would actually be covered by the bill. As an example of the estimated impact of passage of the bill, if 30,000 inmates each had, on average, 5 visits per year with a physician, the funds collected would total a mere \$37,500 and that doesn’t take into account those who wouldn’t be paying due to exclusions in the bill. In summary, fiscal impact is unknown per each fiscal year.

Oversight assumes funds collected by passage of this proposal would be deposited into the General Revenue Fund. Oversight received information from the Department of Corrections which indicated in FY 2007, there were 157,233 physician visits by inmates. This does not include nursing, dental, chronic care, or mandatory testing visits. Based on this information, Oversight assumes the charge to inmates for medical treatment could generate revenues of up to \$40,000 per fiscal year. Since the administrative costs are unknown, Oversight has reflected the net effect on the general revenue fund as a range from (Unknown) to \$40,000 per fiscal year.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Revenues</u> – Department of Corrections			
Charge to inmates for medical treatment	Up to \$40,000	Up to \$40,000	Up to \$40,000
<u>Costs</u> – Department of Corrections			
Administrative costs to collect and monitor funds	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(Unknown) to \$40,000</u>	<u>(Unknown) to \$40,000</u>	<u>(Unknown) to \$40,000</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation requires an inmate receiving on-site medical examination or treatment from any correctional facility’s medical personnel to be assessed 25 cents per visit. Inmates will not be charged for mandatory medical visits or treatments, dental visits, or other medical services or treatment which maintain the health of the inmate.

Nothing in the proposal will be construed as denying medical services to any inmate who is unable to pay the assessed charge.

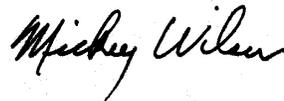
FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

All moneys collected will be used to offset the costs associated with providing medical care to inmates in correctional facilities.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program, and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Corrections



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