

# Department of Planning and Budget

## 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB1115

**House of Origin** ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House** ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron** Crittenden

**3. Committee** Militia, Police and Public Safety

**4. Title** Inmate collect telephone calls

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

The Department of Corrections and the Department of Juvenile Justice have a contract with a private telephone service provider to handle telephone calls made by inmates and juveniles in state correctional facilities. Under the provisions of the contract, inmates and juveniles may make collect calls to persons on an approved list. The rate charged the person receiving the collect call is approximately the same rate the provider charges for collect calls made by its regular, non-incarcerated customers. However, the surcharge on the calls could, in some instances, be higher for calls made by inmates and juveniles. As part of its bid in winning this contract, the telephone company agreed to pay to the Commonwealth a specified percentage of its revenue from the phone calls made by inmates and juveniles.

The proposed legislation would require that the revenue earned from the telephone commission be used to reduce the rates and surcharges paid for inmate calls.

**6. Fiscal Impact:**

**Revenue Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2002-03	(6,156,000)		General
2003-04	(6,156,000)		General

**7. Budget amendment necessary :** Yes. §3 of the HB/SB30, Official Revenue Estimates

**8. Fiscal implications:**

The revenue collected by the Department of Corrections and Department of Juvenile Justice from their inmate telephone contracts is deposited directly into the general fund. The projected revenue in FY2003 and FY2004 is included in the total revenue estimates for those years. If this legislation were enacted, the general fund revenue estimates would need to be reduced by \$6.1 million each year.

The legislation could also affect the revenues collected by local jails from similar contracts with telephone companies to provide service to jail prisoners. However, it is not known how many jails have such arrangements or the amount of revenue involved.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:**

DepartmentofCorrections  
DepartmentofJuvenileJustice  
Localjails

**10. Technicalamendmentnecessary:** None.

**11. Othercomments:** Similar to HB805.

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