

## Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB615

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** Bloxom

**3. Committee** Courts of Justice

**4. Title** Attorney General; legal services to inmates.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

HB615 requires the Office of the Attorney General to provide legal services in all civil matters to chaplains serving inmates in state adult correctional facilities or juveniles in state juvenile facilities.

**6.** Fiscal impact cannot be determined. See Item 8

**7.** Budget amendment necessary: No

**8. Fiscal implications:** The Office of the Attorney General currently provides legal service in civil matters for the Commonwealth, the Governor, every state department, institution, division, commission, board, bureau, agency, entity, official, court, or judge, including conduct of all civil litigation in which any of them are interested. The chaplains rendering the service to inmates in a state institution or to juveniles in a state juvenile secure or nonsecure facility are independent chaplains and not part of the state system. This bill expands the Office of the Attorney General coverage to include these chaplains. The additional fiscal impact cannot be determined.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Courts, Office of the Attorney General

**10.** Technical amendment necessary: No

**11. Other comments:** This bill is the same as HB507.

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cc: Attorney General