

Department of Planning and Budget 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2346

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

2. Patron: Weatherholtz

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Duties of the Inspector General for Mental Health, Mental Retardation

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill clarifies the authority of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to conduct inspections of mental health services within the five Department of Corrections (DOC) facilities that are also licensed by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services (DMHMR/SAS). However, it does not create a mandate for the Inspector General to review care within these DOC-operated facilities.

6. No Fiscal Impact: .

7. Budget amendment necessary: No (See Section 8.)

9. Fiscal implications: The introduced budget eliminates one of only two staff within the OIG and previous budget cuts have effectively eliminated the capacity to hire professional experts to facilitate the inspection process. At this time, it is difficult to determine the increase in responsibilities that may result from this bill. However, if these responsibilities prove to be more than what existing resources can support, it may become necessary to restore the \$50,000 and one position eliminated in the introduced budget.

10. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Corrections, Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, Office of the Inspector General.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: This bill would clarify the role of the OIG so that those programs already licensed as mental health programs could be inspected by the OIG for issues related to access and quality of treatment in these limited correctional institutions.

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