

## Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number SB 441**

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

**2. Patron**        Locke

**3. Committee**    Rehabilitation and Social Services

**4. Title**            Composition of State Board of Corrections

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Under current law, the State Board of Corrections is to consist of nine members, appointed by the Governor for four-year terms, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. There is no statutory requirement relating to the type or background of the appointees, other than that the board “shall include persons suitably qualified to consider and act upon the various matters under the Board’s jurisdiction.”

The proposed legislation would increase the size of the board to 12 members and would require that the appointees consist of three members each from the following groups: community leaders, elected officials, medical profession, and citizens with an immediate family member incarcerated within the Commonwealth. The bill defines “community leaders” and “members of the medical profession.”

Finally, the bill would authorize the members of the board to enter and inspect state correctional facilities at any time.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary**

**Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2004-05	5,811	0	General
2005-06	5,926	0	General
2006-07	6,044	0	General
2007-08	6,166	0	General
2008-09	6,292	0	General
2009-10	6,421	0	General

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:**

State statute requires the Board of Corrections to meet at least six times per year. For each meeting attended, a board member is entitled to a per diem payment, as well as

reimbursement of expenses. The average annual cost in FY 2002 and FY 2003 attributable to members of the Board of Corrections (per diem payments, travel, lodging, and meals) was \$17,434, or \$1,937 per member. Based on those average costs, the annual cost for a 12-member board would be \$23,245, or an additional \$5,811. For each year after FY 2005, the average cost for each category of expense, except per diem payments, was increased by three percent per year.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Corrections

**10. Technical amendment necessary:**

There needs to be some provision for a phase-in of the required composition of the Board of Corrections, in order to allow members currently on the board, who do not fit into any of the specified categories, to fill out their terms.

**11. Other comments:** None

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