

Department of Planning and Budget
2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB 953

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron Quayle

3. Committee Passed both houses

4. Title Postsecondary education for incarcerated persons

5. Summary/Purpose:

The proposed legislation authorizes the Department of Correctional Education (DEC) to enter into agreements with school divisions, private entities, and institutions of higher education that would provide incarcerated adults and juveniles access to postsecondary education through the use of videoconferencing technology. The courses could include those that provided college credits, certification through an accredited vocational training program, or other accredited continuing education.

6. Fiscal Impact: None. See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: None.

8. Fiscal implications:

The Code section that would be amended by the proposed legislation already authorizes DCE to enter into agreements with school divisions, private entities, and institutions of higher education "to provide age appropriate educational programs and training, including career and technical education, career development opportunities...and other learning experiences" to offenders committed to state prisons and juvenile correctional centers. The proposed legislation would only explicitly authorize the use of videoconferencing technology. To the extent that its appropriations are sufficient, DCE currently utilizes videoconferencing technology. Because the proposed legislation does not mandate the use of a specified level of videoconferencing, it would not directly result in additional costs for the agency.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Department of Correctional Education

10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

11. Other comments: None.

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