Department of Planning and Budget

2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 160

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2. Patron: Dance

3. Committee: Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title: Testing of inmates for HIV

5. Summary:

The proposed bill requires the Department of Corrections to test each inmate received by the department for infection with human immunodeficiency virus and at such other times as may be deemed necessary, including, but not limited to, prior to the release of the inmate.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary

Expenditure Impact:

Fiscal Year	Dollars	Fund
2011	\$2,502,500	General
2012	\$975,000	General
2013	\$975,000	General
2014	\$975,000	General
2015	\$975,000	General
2016	\$975,000	General

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 379.

8. Fiscal Implications:

The proposed bill would require the Department of Corrections (DOC) in FY 2011 to test each inmate in its resident population for HIV, as well as inmates committed to DOC reception centers that year. In FY 2012 and subsequent years, DOC would have to test each inmate committed to the reception centers, as well as each inmate released from DOC facilities that year.

It is projected that DOC will have approximately 31,000 inmates housed in its facilities at the beginning of FY 2011. It is expected that approximately 7,500 inmates will be released from DOC facilities and the same number will be committed to DOC reception centers in FY 2011 and each year thereafter. DOC contracts with a private laboratory to conduct HIV tests. Each test costs \$65.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Corrections
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments:

The second paragraph of subsection B. of the proposed bill refers to "a facility or place designated by the Commissioner..." It is not clear to what official the term "Commissioner" is referring. In the definitions section of Title 53.1, in which the proposed new section would be located, there is no listing or definition of "Commissioner".

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