

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2010 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number: HB 256**

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

**2. Patron: Miller, P.J.**

**3. Committee: Passed both houses**

**4. Title: Disposal of property of prisoner**

**5. Summary:**

The current law provides for the disposal of property valued at less than \$100 left by a prisoner in a state or local correctional facility upon his release and escape. If the prisoner has not made a claim within six months, the law authorizes the director of the Department of Corrections or the sheriff to sell the property or otherwise dispose of it, with the proceeds of any sale being credited to the Literary Fund.

The proposed legislation reduces to 30 days the time period for which the property must be held before being disposed of. It also adds the property of any transferred prisoner to the list of property that may be disposed of if no claim has been made within 30 days.

**6. No Fiscal Impact: Final.**

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.**

**8. Fiscal Implications:**

Storing personal property of inmates can be a problem for some prisons and jails because of space limitations and the responsibility for accounting for it. Shortening the time that property must be kept before disposing of it could benefit these facilities.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Department of Corrections  
Local and regional jails

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.**

**11. Other Comments: None.**