

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 528

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

2. Patron: Puller

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Use of mental health professional services

5. Summary:

Current law requires the Department of Corrections to have a treatment program for sex offenders and for the program to be operated under the direction of a psychiatrist or licensed clinical psychologist who is experienced in the diagnosis, treatment, and risk assessment of sex offenders.

The proposed legislation would require the agency to use a psychiatrist or licensed clinical psychologist experienced in the diagnosis, treatment, and risk assessment of sex offenders to oversee the program, which must be administered by a psychiatrist, clinical psychologist, or a licensed mental health professional who is a certified sex offender treatment provider.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. Final. See Item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

8. Fiscal Implications:

The proposal may result in a slight savings because psychiatrists and clinical psychologists have more training than certified sex offender treatment providers and thus usually require higher salaries. The primary effect of the proposal will be to provide the agency a larger pool of possible applicants to choose from whenever it is necessary to fill the position of the administrator of the program.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Corrections

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.