

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1772

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

2. Patron: Rush

3. Committee: Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title: Notification of prisoner release

5. Summary:

When releasing or discharging an inmate from custody, the Department of Corrections (DOC) is required by law to notify, by first class mail, the courts, the Commonwealth's attorneys, the police departments and the sheriffs of the various jurisdictions involved. The proposed legislation would authorize the agency to use electronic means for notification as well as first class mail.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications:

By using electronic means, rather than first-class mail, to notify officials of the release of inmates, the Department of Corrections will realize savings in postage costs, but these savings are expected to be minimal. In addition, there may be some savings in staff time, but these efficiencies may be offset by the staff time needed to keep electronic address databases up to date.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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