

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 2148

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Keam

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Exchange of inmate medical records

5. Summary:

Currently, the Department of Corrections is authorized to exchange medical and mental information and records of persons committed to the custody of the department among officials and staff within the department, members of the Parole Board, medical and mental health hospitals, and community service boards. Such exchanges can be made only for specified reasons and are subject to confidentiality regulations of the Board of Corrections. Furthermore, any medical or mental health information concerning a prisoner that has been exchanged may be used only as provided by statute and shall otherwise remain confidential and protected from disclosure.

The proposed language adds the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, the Department of Social Services, and local departments of social services to the list of entities among which inmate medical and mental health information may be exchanged. Such exchanges would be limited to the purposes of reentry planning and post-incarceration placement and services.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact: None. Final. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications:

The Department of Corrections would not need any additional funding to enable it to provide inmate medical or mental health information to these agencies. Hence, there would be no fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Corrections
Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services
Department of Social Services
Local departments of social services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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