

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB215

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

2. Patron: Favola

3. Committee: Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title: Juvenile detention homes and correctional facilities; room segregation

5. Summary: Places a four-hour limit on the amount of time that a resident of a juvenile detention home or juvenile correctional facility can be involuntarily left alone in a room (room segregation) unless he poses an actual, immediate danger to himself or others. The bill requires that other, less-restrictive options be considered before room segregation is implemented and that room segregation be used only for specified reasons and for the minimum amount of time necessary to address the situation.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate (see Item #8)

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), the bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on agency operations.

There are 24 locally-operated juvenile detention centers (JDC's) in the Commonwealth. The JDC's provide temporary care for alleged juvenile delinquents who require secure custody pending a court appearance (pre-D) and for juveniles after disposition as ordered by a judge (post-D). A judge can order a juvenile to post-D detention for up to 30 days without programs, or to post-D detention with programs for up to 180 days as an alternative to commitment to juvenile correctional facility. The 24 JDCs are operated by local governments or multi-jurisdictional commissions. DJJ provides partial funding and serves as the certifying agency for these facilities.

The proposed legislation requires the director of the detention center to consult, when appropriate, with mental health professionals if the juveniles cannot be safely returned to the general population. Additionally, a mental health professional is to be immediately consulted if the juvenile exhibits self-injurious behavior. The cost associated with providing on call mental health professionals could create fiscal impact on a locality.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Juvenile Justice Services, and local detention centers

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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