

Department of Planning and Budget
2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 724

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

2. Patron: Marsden

3. Committee: Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title: Powers and duties of the Board of Corrections

5. Summary:

The proposed legislation would expand the general duties and powers of the Board of Corrections, as follows:

- Ensure the development of long-range program and plans for correctional services provided at the state and local level;
- Review and comment on all budgets and requests for appropriations for the Department of Corrections prior to submission to the Governor;
- Review and comment on all applications for federal funds; and
- Monitor the activities of the Department of Corrections.

The legislation also would allow the Board of Corrections to authorize the payment of medical expenses incurred by an inmate after his release if such expenses resulted from an injury suffered by the inmate while incarcerated and which was not caused by misconduct by the inmate.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications:

There could be a fiscal impact resulting from the legislation's provision for the Commonwealth to pay for the medical expenses of a former inmate under certain conditions. The scope of the fiscal impact would depend on the frequency with which this situation would occur and the amount of the expenses, neither of which is possible to project at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Board of Corrections
Department of Corrections

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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