

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1544 ER

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

2. Patron: Carter

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Visiting state correctional facilities; strip searches of those entering.

5. Summary: Under current law, any person seeking to enter the interior of any state correctional facility is subject to a search of his person and effects, performed in a manner reasonable under the circumstances, as a condition of entering the facility. The enrolled bill prohibits strip searches and cavity searches of children under the age of 18 under any circumstances.

The enrolled bill also prohibits the Department of Corrections (DOC) from permanently banning any person, or insinuating that any person will be permanently banned, from seeking entrance to a state correctional facility on the basis of such person's refusal to consent to a strip search or a cavity search. The enrolled bill allows the DOC to deny entry to someone who refuses to consent to a strip search or a cavity search but the DOC may not deny such person future entry on the basis of a prior refusal to consent.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the DOC, the provisions of this bill are not expected to have a fiscal impact on agency operations.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments: None