

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB659H1

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

2. Patron: Hope

3. Committee: House Appropriations Subcommittee for Transportation & Public Safety

4. Title: Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security and the Office of the Executive Secretary

5. Summary: The legislation requires the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security (Secretary) to create and implement policies that recognize and make accommodations for people with developmental disabilities, as defined in the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (P.L. 11106-402), including intellectual disabilities and autism spectrum disorder for the Department of Corrections.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8 below).

8. Fiscal Implications: The amended bill requires the Secretary to create and implement policies for the Department of Corrections (DOC). Such policies must recognize and make accommodations for people with developmental disabilities, including intellectual disabilities and autism spectrum disorder. According to DOC, the agency's existing policy for managing offenders with disabilities outlines DOC's responsibilities for providing reasonable accommodations for all offenders with a disability. Under this policy, accommodations are individualized based on an offender's needs after consultation with a medical provider. The DOC reports that under the current policy, the costs associated with providing accommodations, including sign language services, hearing aids, prosthetics, etc., are supported by general fund appropriation in the agency's budget. However, any future costs for such accommodations would depend on any additional policies created and implemented by the Secretary. Until those policies are known, the fiscal impact this bill may have on the agency cannot be determined.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security; Department of Corrections.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.