

Department of Planning and Budget

2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 651

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

2. Patron Wright

3. Committee Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title Prisoner reentry planning

5. Summary/Purpose:

The proposed legislation would require the Department of Corrections to develop and implement a comprehensive reentry plan for each offender committed to the department. Such reentry plan must be developed as soon as practicable after the offender's commitment, after taking into account his anticipated release date, and identify educational, vocational, therapeutic, and other programs necessary to prepare for the offender's successful transition to society upon his release from custody. The legislation would also require the department to coordinate reentry programs it provides with any other reentry programs offered by public or private entities.

6. No Fiscal Impact. Preliminary. See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications:

When an offender enters the prison system operated by the Department of Corrections, he is first placed in a reception and classification center. There he is classified for security purposes, as well as given a physical and mental evaluation. Staff from the Department of Correctional Education evaluate his educational needs. Many of the elements of a reentry plan that would be required by the proposed legislation, such as substance abuse treatment, literacy training, and mental health treatment, are identified at the reception center. Therefore, with its current resources, the Department of Corrections should be able to develop the comprehensive plan that would be required by the legislation.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Department of Corrections

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: Identical to substitute for SB 200.

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