

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2308

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: Knight

3. Committee: Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title: Local correctional facilities; electronic visitation and messaging with prisoners.

5. Summary: Local correctional facilities; electronic visitation and messaging with prisoners. Provides a broader definition of communication systems used by jails for prisoners to communicate with family, attorneys, and others during incarceration and requires that sheriffs and jail administrators provide this service free of charge if the visitor is physically in the jail facility. The proposal also removes the restriction that the fees not exceed the cost of establishing and operating an electronic visitation system or electronic messaging system.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary; See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a fiscal impact on state agencies or the general fund. According to the Compensation Board, it is not known at this time if the proposal will have a fiscal impact on localities.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local and regional jails statewide.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Permitting sheriffs to establish fees in excess of system costs, without limiting the use of the surplus revenue, seems to be counterproductive to re-entry and mental health treatment efforts.

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