

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number: SB1393**

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron: Saslaw**

**3. Committee: Education and Health**

**4. Title: Execution drugs**

**5. Summary:**

Under current law, offenders sentenced to death have the option of being executed by electrocution or by lethal injection.

The proposed legislation would authorize the Department of Corrections (DOC) to enter into contracts with external entities to compound the drugs necessary to carry out executions by lethal injection. The legislation also has provisions authorizing pharmacists to compound drug products for use by DOC to carry out death sentences. Furthermore, the legislation would exempt from the Freedom of Information Act the identities of persons or entities engaged by DOC to compound drugs to be used for lethal injection; the identities of person or entities engaged in the manufacture of materials or components used to compound drugs for lethal injection; and the name of the materials or components used to compound drugs for lethal injection. Finally, the legislation would exempt from the Freedom of Information Act all information relating to the execution process and the buildings devoted to the execution process and all records regarding the equipment used in the execution process.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.**

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:**

There could be a cost to compound drugs for lethal injection. However, the proposed legislation does not mandate DOC to contract for such compounded drugs. In any event, it is not feasible to project a fiscal impact at this time.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.**

**11. Other Comments: None.**

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