

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1917 H1

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: Stolle

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Department of Corrections; health care continuous quality improvement committee.

5. Summary: The substitute bill requires the Director of the Department of Corrections (DOC) to establish a health care continuous quality improvement committee, consisting of the Director, or his designee, and specified health care professionals employed by DOC. The substitute bill requires the committee to i) identify appropriate criteria for evaluation of the quality of health care services provided by the Department, (ii) monitor and evaluate the quality of health care services provided by the Department utilizing the criteria identified, and (iii) develop strategies to improve the quality of health care services provided by the Department. Beginning July 1, 2020, the committee is required to publish quarterly continuous quality improvement reports that data and information as the committee deems appropriate. Such reports are to be available to the public on DOC's website and include quarterly continuous quality improvement reports submitted by each facility.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to DOC, the requirements set forth in this bill align with current practice with the exception of publishing quarterly reports and making them available on DOC's website, the cost of which the agency could absorb within its current budget.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to SB1273 S1.