Department of Planning and Budget
2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB1273 S1

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

2. **Patron:**   Lucas

3. **Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

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

5. **Summary:**   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 or contracted by DOC if DOC is required to contract for the delivery of services. The 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. The bill also requires the committee to develop standardized quarterly quality reports and make them available to the public on DOC's website beginning July 1, 2020.

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. Therefore, this bill is not expected to impact agency operations.

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

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** None

11. **Other Comments:** None