

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2438

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Campbell, E.H.

3. Committee: Rules

4. Title: Local and Regional Jails, State Board of; increases membership.

5. Summary: Currently, the State Board of Local and Regional Jails (the Board) consists of nine members, which are appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Board membership is specified as follows: (i) one former sheriff or one former warden, superintendent, administrator, or operations manager of a state or local correctional facility; (ii) one individual employed by a public mental health services agency with training in or clinical, managerial, or other relevant experience working with individuals subject to the criminal justice system who have mental illness; (iii) one individual with experience overseeing a correctional facility's or mental health facility's compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations; (iv) one physician licensed in the Commonwealth; (v) one individual with experience in administering educational or vocational programs in state or local correctional facilities; (vi) one individual with experience in financial management or performing audit investigations; (vii) one citizen member who represents community interests; and (viii) two individuals with experience in conducting criminal, civil, or death investigations.

This bill expands the Board from nine to 11 members by requiring a former sheriff, adding a former superintendent of a regional jail facility and adding one more individual who is employed by a public mental health services agency with training or experience working with individuals subject to the criminal justice system who have mental illness (bringing the total of such members to two).

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to information provided by the Board, members are volunteers who are only reimbursed for costs related to hotel stays and miles traveled to monthly board meetings. Travel costs associated with the two new Board members established by this bill would not have a material impact on existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Board of Local and Regional Jails

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None