

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB 1439

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Locke

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** Pregnant inmates; coverage through state plan for medical assistance

5. **Summary:** The proposed legislation provides that if a person confined in a state correctional facility is pregnant, gives birth during such confinement, is enrolled in the state plan for medical assistance, and would otherwise be eligible for coverage under the state plan for medical assistance for a 24-hour inpatient stay at a medical institution but for the fact that such person's stay was less than 24 hours, the cost of such person's birth shall be covered by state funds. The bill directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to, in coordination with the Department of Corrections, identify persons confined in state correctional facilities who are enrolled in or may be eligible for services under the state plan for medical assistance and provide information to such persons regarding any steps necessary to obtain coverage for childbirth prior to the person's release on medical furlough for the purpose of giving birth.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

7. **No Fiscal Impact**

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Departments of Medical Assistance Services and Corrections indicate that the provisions of this bill would codify current policies and practices. As such, no fiscal impact is expected.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Department of Corrections

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** This bill is a companion to HB 1919.