

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB889

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Morrissey

3. Committee: Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title: Local correctional facilities; fees; report.

5. Summary: This bill eliminates or caps certain fees charged to inmates in local correctional facilities and repeals provisions that allow a sheriff or jail superintendent to establish a deferred or installment payment agreement or contract with a collections agency when an inmate is unable to pay fees owed to the local correctional facility. The bill establishes the manner in which the balance of all accounts maintained for an inmate's use must be transferred to the inmate upon release. The bill directs the State Board of Local and Regional Jails to create a work group to study implementation of the provisions of the bill and report to the General Assembly by October 1, 2023. The remainder of the bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2024.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 404

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the State Board of Local and Regional Jails, which is a division of the Department of Corrections, the Board does not have sufficient staff to complete the required study and would have to contract with a vendor. The Board estimates a one-time, general fund cost of up to \$250,000.

This bill is expected to have an impact on local and regional jails. However, to the extent it has any impact, it cannot be determined at this time. The Commission on Local Government has published its estimated fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local and regional jails, State Board of Local and Regional Jails, local governments, Department of Corrections

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None