

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB159

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Seibold

3. Committee: Public Safety

4. Title: Use of canines in correctional and juvenile correctional facilities; prohibited acts.

5. Summary: This bill makes it unlawful for any correctional officer, jail officer, or other employee of a state, local, or juvenile correctional facility to use a patrol or security canine in any state, local, or juvenile correctional facility. The bill specifies that such provisions do not apply to the training or use of detector canines or detector canine handlers.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See Item 8 below.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Corrections (DOC) currently uses security canines in its facilities. DOC is still reviewing the impact this bill would have on agency operations. However, it is possible that any fiscal impact this bill would have could be addressed using current resources.

According to the Department of Juvenile Justice, the agency does not use security canines in its facility. Therefore, this bill has no fiscal impact on agency operations.

The impact this bill may have on local and regional jails is not known at this time. If additional information becomes available, this impact statement will be revised.

The Office of the Attorney General reports that this bill may expose the Commonwealth to additional litigation and, therefore, may have a fiscal impact on agency operations. However, the fiscal impact cannot be quantified at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Corrections, Department of Juvenile Justice, local and regional jails, Office of the Attorney General

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None