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AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE PREVALENCE OF THE HEPATITIS C VIRUS IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND FACILITIES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Correction, Dept.	GF - Cost	412,765	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Correction (DOC) in collaboration with various state agencies to study the prevalence of hepatitis C in inmates and results in a cost of \$412,765 in FY 20. DOC will need to provide a rapid blood test to the entire prison population (13,315 inmates costing approximately \$293,000) and then a full blood test to those who tested positive (approximately 15% of the population is anticipated to test positive costing approximately \$120,000).

If treatment of inmates is required in the future it would cost between \$43 million to \$158 million depending on the course and length of treatment required.

The Out Years

The fiscal impact of identifying inmates with hepatitis C is one time only in FY 20.