

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO INMATES OF CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Correction, Dept.	GF - Cost	9.6 million	12.8 million
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Cost	3.9 million	5.2 million

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill makes various changes regarding inmate healthcare resulting in a FY 23 cost of \$13.5 million<sup>2</sup> and a FY 24 cost of \$18.0 million (costs include salary and fringe benefits).

To meet the requirements of the bill the Department of Correction will have to hire 130 healthcare employees. Below is a table showing the number of new staff needed by position, their title, and a description of why they are needed:

<sup>1</sup>The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 40.53% of payroll in FY 23.

<sup>2</sup> FY 23 costs reflect nine months of salary due to the bill having an effective date of October 1, 2022.

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Title	Number of Positions Needed (Annual Cost <sup>3</sup> )	Why Additional Staff is Needed
Advanced Nurse Practitioner	73 (\$9.7 million)	Bill requires annual physicals for all inmates, new inmates to receive a physical within 48 hours, exit interviews for all inmates, administration of medications and vaccines.
Dental Assistant	14 (\$900,000)	Bill requires a dental exam within ten weeks of inmate entering a facility.
Dentist	10 (\$1.7 million)	Bill requires a dental exam within ten weeks of inmate entering a facility.
Psychiatric Advanced Practice Registered Nurse	14 (\$2.0 million)	The bill requires minimum staffing per facility for mental health care. Certain examinations are required before prescribing certain medications.
Staff Physician	13 (\$3.1 million)	Bill requires one physician on call per facility and administration of medications.
Certified Addiction Counselor	6 (\$560,000)	Bill requires a mental health care provider to interview an inmate on substance abuse history when entering a facility.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

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<sup>3</sup> Annual cost includes salary and fringe benefits.