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SB-957

AN ACT CONCERNING THE OVERSIGHT OF HEALTH CARE IN
CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	285,567	570,402
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	119,594	239,188

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill establishes, within the Department of Public Health (DPH), by 1/1/24, an Office of Oversight of Health Care in Correctional Institutions ("the Office"), which results in an anticipated cost to DPH of \$285,567 in FY 24 and \$570,402 in FY 25 and a cost to the Office of State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits of \$119,594 in FY 24 and \$239,188 in FY 25.

Costs to DPH of \$279,295 in FY 24² and \$558,590 in FY 25 reflect the salaries of two Nurse Consultants, two Health Program Associates, a Supervising Nurse Consultant, a half-time Public Health Services Manager, and a half-time Office Assistant. Fringe benefits costs to the Office of State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits for these positions are

¹The 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 42.82% of payroll in FY 24.

²As the Office of Oversight of Health Care in Correctional Institutions is to be established by 1/1/24, salary costs in FY 24 are for half of the fiscal year. Costs in FY 25 are annualized.

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approximately \$119,594 in FY 24 and \$239,188 in FY 25. DPH costs also include equipment costs of \$24,626 in FY 24 only, and other expenses costs of \$6,271 in FY 24 and \$11,812 in FY 25.

The Office will have responsibility overseeing the delivery of healthcare services to approximately 10,000 inmates in 13 correctional institutions, including periodic inspections of the healthcare services provided, establishing guidelines for the delivery of healthcare services, recommending any necessary changes, notifying correctional institutions of any failures, and ordering corrective actions as needed. The Office is also required to work with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to develop a model plan establishing the requirements for the delivery of healthcare services in correctional institutions. The Office must annually report to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and the judiciary on the adequacy and safety of healthcare services in correctional institutions, the development of the model plan, findings of each inspection conducted, and any recommendations to improve the delivery of quality healthcare services to inmates.

The Out Years

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