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ADDENDUM

To Fiscal Note on
sSB-349, File No. 427

AN ACT CONCERNING DYSLEXIA SCREENING OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INCARCERATED.

Based on additional information supplied by the Department of Correction (DOC), the cost estimate in the original fiscal note is being increased to up to \$1 million in FY 25 and up to \$500,000 in FY 26 and every year after. The cost is higher in FY 25 because the entire DOC population will need to be tested. In FY 26 and afterwards, only new inmates will need to be tested.

The costs to DOC include hiring a consultant to assist with dyslexia testing, purchasing screening and testing materials, and training for staff. The final cost for each year is dependent on the number of inmates who are screened for dyslexia, the number of inmates who fail the screening and need to be tested,¹ the number of screening and testing materials needed, and if additional staff training is required.

¹The process for testing for dyslexia is done in two phases. Phase 1 is a screening, and those who fail the screening move on to phase 2 which is an in-depth test that can take 3-6 hours to complete.