

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB543

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Scott, D.L.

3. Committee: Public Safety

4. Title: State Board of Local and Regional Jails; powers and duties; attorney visitation of clients.

5. Summary: This bill requires the State Board of Local and Regional Jails (the Board) to develop and establish minimum standards for ensuring that attorneys have sufficient opportunities to have confidential visits with their clients who are held in local, regional, and community correctional facilities, which, considering facility schedules, space, personnel constraints, and inmate disciplinary status, must include some opportunity for visitation of clients on the weekends and after 5:00 p.m.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Corrections (DOC), which provides administrative and other support functions for the Board, there is no fiscal impact associated with developing the standards required by this bill. DOC reports that the providing the visitation required in the bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on agency operations. The impact the visitation standards may have on local and regional jails is not known at this time. If further information is received from the Compensation Board, this fiscal impact statement will be revised.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Corrections, local and regional jails

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None