# Department of Planning and Budget 2025 General Assembly Session State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB1894H1 Patron: Seibold

**Bill Title:** State correctional facilities; cell conditions; temperature monitoring.

Bill Summary: The substitute bill requires the Department of Corrections to maintain a temperature of not less than 65 degrees Fahrenheit or more than 80 degrees Fahrenheit in all state correctional facilities. The Department shall create and implement a policy for procedures to provide heating or cooling equipment when any state correctional facility staff member or the Director becomes aware through an inmate report, through a report from a family member of an inmate, through the facility's random temperature checks, or through any other measure, that an individual cell reaches a temperature below 65 degrees Fahrenheit or above 80 degrees Fahrenheit. Such policy shall include that such heating equipment may include blankets or other apparel made of high-insulating materials and that such cooling equipment shall include an electric fan to provide air circulation for every cell where an inmate is housed. Additionally, the Department shall require the temperature inside all state correctional facilities to be monitored and recorded on an ongoing basis.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No **Items Impacted:** C-32.10

**Explanation:** 

### **Fiscal Summary:**

To comply with the requirements of this proposal, the Department of Corrections (DOC) would have to procure blankets or other apparel made of high-insulating material as well as temperature-monitoring equipment.

#### **General Fund Expenditure Impact:**

<u>Agency</u>	FY2025	<u>FY2026</u>	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
Dept. of Corrections		Indeterminant				
TOTAL						

#### **Fiscal Analysis:**

Under the provisions of this bill, DOC would be required to maintain temperatures between 65- and 80-degrees Fahrenheit in all state correctional facilities. Additionally, DOC must develop and implement a policy to address situations where an individual's cell temperature falls outside of this range. The policy must specify procedures for providing heating or cooling measures when notified through inmate or family reports, random temperature checks, or any other measure that a cell is out of compliance with the required temperature range. The legislation allows for heating measures such as blankets or high-insulating apparel and requires

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electric fans for cooling when necessary. Additionally, DOC must monitor and record facility temperatures on an ongoing basis.

The Department would need to produce blankets or high-insulating materials to maintain a sufficient inventory of these materials introduces additional costs that currently cannot be determined. While electrical fans are estimated to cost \$23.50 per fan, as with the blankets and high-insulating apparel, the total cost is dependent on the number of units required, and the price at the time of procurement.

The requirement to monitor and record facility temperatures on an ongoing basis would likely require DOC to procure remote monitoring systems. The bill requires the DOC to study remote temperature monitoring and the cost of such remote temperature monitoring. To do so, DOC would plan to issue a request for information (RFI) to determine the cost of implementation of remote temperature monitoring. The bill requires the results of the study shall be submitted in a report to the General Assembly by October 1, 2025, along with data regarding the total instances of temperature readings outside the acceptable temperature range. The cost of remote temperature monitoring cannot be determined until the RFI is completed.

Other: None