Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB2235H1 **Patron:** Cousins
Bill Title: Local and regional correctional facilities; treatment of prisoners known to be pregnant.

Bill Summary: The substitute bill prohibits the use of restraints, defined in the bill, on any prisoner of a local or regional correctional facility who is (i) known to be pregnant or (ii) in postpartum recovery unless there is an individualized determination that the prisoner will harm herself, the fetus, the newborn child, or any other person or poses a substantial flight risk, or (iii) the totality of the circumstances creates a serious security risk. Under current law, such prohibition applies only to state correctional facilities. The bill also requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to include in the compulsory minimum entry-level training standards training regarding pregnant prisoners for deputy sheriffs and jail officers who are employees of local or regional correctional facilities who may have contact with such pregnant prisoners.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** N/A
Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a material impact on state agencies.

Fiscal Analysis: According to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), the Department of Corrections (DOC), and the State Board of Local and Regional Jails (BOLRJ), a fiscal impact is not expected as a result of the proposed legislation.

Other: None