

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB860
Bill Title: State

Patron: Cousins

Bill Summary: Board of Local and Regional Jails; work group to review standards and regulations for pregnant and postpartum incarcerated persons in local and regional correctional facilities; report. Directs the State Board of Local and Regional Jails to convene a work group to conduct a review of existing standards for pregnant and postpartum incarcerated persons in local and regional correctional facilities and to develop recommendations for new standards and recommendations for pregnant and postpartum incarcerated persons by considering certain best practices. The bill requires the work group to report such findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security and to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees for Courts of Justice, the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services, and the House Committee on Public Safety by July 1, 2027, and to adopt regulations consistent with such findings and recommendations by December 1, 2028.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted: Item 390

Explanation: See below

Fiscal Summary:

The Board of Local and Regional Jails (BOLRJ), under the Department of Corrections, anticipates needing funds to facilitate and host work group meetings as well as hire additional staff to fulfill the requirements of this proposal

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
Dept. of Corrections		\$41,000	\$76,000			
TOTAL		\$41,000	\$76,000			

Fiscal Analysis:

According to BOLRJ, this proposal will impose moderate one-time and ongoing costs. These costs include staff labor, contract support, as well as meeting and operational expenses. Of the total \$117,000 BOLRJ reports needing, \$87,750 is for staff, \$24,570 is for consultation work, and \$4,680 is for meeting and operation expenses.

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BOLRJ reports adopting and implementing new regulations would require additional part-time staff to coordinate the work group, but no capital outlay. The part-time staff are anticipated to be needed to oversee the work group and draft updated regulatory guidelines.

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Other: None