

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB276

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Bill Title: State correctional facilities; visitation policies; annual report.

Bill Summary: Sets additional visitation standards for visitors to state correctional facilities. The bill requires the Department of Corrections (the Department) to provide extended or additional visitation access for (i) long-distance visitors who reside at least 150 miles from the correctional facility, (ii) minor visitors younger than 18 years of age, and (iii) infrequent visitors who have not completed an in-person visit to a correctional facility within 90 days prior to the day of their visit. The bill provides that each in-person visit shall last a minimum of two hours unless shortened at the request of either the visitor or the incarcerated individual. The bill also provides that visitation privileges may be suspended only for conduct occurring during in-person visitation that presents a direct and substantial threat to the physical safety of participants or the security of the correctional facility. The bill provides a timeline and process for appealing any suspension of visitation rights. Finally, the bill requires the Department to collect and publish data in an annual report to the General Assembly.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: See below

Fiscal Summary:

According to the Department of Corrections (DOC), the fiscal impact of this proposal is indeterminant at this time.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
	Indeterminant	Indeterminant	Indeterminant	Indeterminant	Indeterminant	Indeterminant
TOTAL	Indeterminant	Indeterminant	Indeterminant	Indeterminant	Indeterminant	Indeterminant

Fiscal Analysis:

This bill would require DOC to collect and annually publish data disaggregated by facility and month that includes the total number of in-person visits, number of “unique” visitors, and the age of each visitor, reasons for visit denials, suspensions or terminations, the average visit duration, capacity utilization rates, and the results of visitor and inmate feedback surveys conducted not more than once each year. Currently, DOC’s management information system can only provide the total number of in-person visits. According to DOC, the

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agency would have to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the purchase of a new visitation scheduler that would capture the required data. DOC is unable to estimate the cost of this proposal until the RFP is complete.

DOC confirmed the updated visitation policies in this proposal would not require any additional staff costs.

Other: None