

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB861H1 **Patron:** Cousins
Bill Title: Reporting requirements of state, regional, and local correctional facilities; pregnant and postpartum inmates.

Bill Summary:

The substitute bill requires the warden or other official in charge of a state correctional facility and the sheriff in charge of the local correctional facility, or his designee, or the jail superintendent of the regional correctional facility, or his designee, to compile a summary of all of the following and submit such summary to the Director of the Department of Corrections or Compensation each month or quarter, as applicable: the number of prisoners known to be pregnant in the facility, (ii) the number of prisoners in postpartum recovery in the facility, (iii) the number of women prisoners in the facility, (iv) the total number of prisoners in the facility, (v) the number of deaths of prisoners in the facility, (vi) the number of deaths of prisoners known to be pregnant in the facility, and (vii) the number of deaths of prisoners in postpartum recovery in the facility. The substitute bill removes the reporting requirement of the number of deaths of prisoners in the facility for local and regional correctional facilities. The bill also requires such summary to be submitted to the Maternal Mortality Review Team and the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice. Lastly, the bill requires the sheriff in charge of the local correctional facility, or his designee, or the jail superintendent of the regional correctional facility, or his designee, to compile a quarterly summary of all written reports received pursuant to relevant law regarding use of restraints on any prisoner known to be pregnant or any prisoner who is in postpartum recovery and any body cavity search of a pregnant prisoner and submit such summary to the Board each quarter.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** Item 67
Explanation: See below.

Fiscal Summary:

The Compensation Board reports that funding would be required to update the Local Inmate Data System (LIDS) to comply with the requirements of this proposal. The Department of Corrections and the Board of Local and Regional Jails do not expect a fiscal impact from this proposal.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
Compensation Board		\$60,000				
TOTAL		\$60,000				

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Fiscal Analysis:

This proposal requires local and regional jails to submit data to the Compensation Board through its Local Inmate Data System (LIDS) on a quarterly basis regarding numbers of prisoners known to be pregnant, numbers of prisoners in postpartum recovery, numbers of women prisoners in the jail, numbers of total prisoners in the jail, numbers of deaths of prisoners known to be pregnant in the jail, and numbers of deaths of prisoners in postpartum recovery in the jail. According to the Compensation Board, the LIDS system already maintains data regarding jail prisoner populations, demographics regarding gender, and releases from jail due to death, but does not maintain any protected health information such as pregnancy or postpartum recovery status. In order to gather the data regarding pregnancy or postpartum recovery status, the Compensation Board states it would need to request a change order with its system vendor to data gathered in LIDS. The Compensation Board estimates the change order cost at approximately \$50,000, with related report development cost of \$10,000, for a total one-time cost estimate of \$60,000 to make the system updates required to report the requested data summaries.

According to the Department of Corrections and the Board of Local and Regional Jails, there is no anticipated fiscal impact as a result of the bill. Any unanticipated costs that may arise from the bill are expected to be covered with existing resources.

Other: None