Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB276S1 **Patron:** Williams Graves
Bill Title: State correctional facilities; visitation policies; annual report.

Bill Summary: The substitute bill instructs the Department of Corrections (the Department) to convene a work group for the purpose of identifying policies or actions that would ensure meaningful opportunities for in-person visitation with incarcerated persons at state correctional facilities by Department-approved visitors. The work group shall include the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, or his designee, and representatives from all relevant stakeholders, including criminal justice reform organizations. The work group shall, at a minimum, assess (i) policies that discourage the practice of rescinding in-person visitation privileges for reasons unrelated to such visitation, including disciplinary reasons, while accounting for safety considerations and (ii) mechanisms that track in-person visits offered, the length of in-person visits, and the reasons in-person visits are curtailed or denied. The work group shall submit an executive summary and a report of its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2026.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** None
Explanation: See below

Fiscal Summary:

According to the Department of Corrections (DOC), there is no anticipated fiscal impact from this bill.

Fiscal Analysis:

According to DOC, 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