Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB173S1 **Patron:** Anthony
Bill Title: State correctional facilities; visitation policies; annual report.

Bill Summary: The substitute bill 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 long-distance visitors who reside at least 150 miles from the correctional facility. 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 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. The substitute bill requires the Department to convene a work group consisting of relevant stakeholders to consider goals and develop practical policy and legislative recommendations related to facilitating visitation within state correctional facilities.

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:

This substitute bill removed the data reporting requirements from earlier versions of the bill. Without the data reporting requirements, DOC reports this bill would not have a fiscal impact on agency operations.

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

Other: Similar to SB276.