Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB296ER **Patron:** Seibold
Bill Title: State correctional facilities; visitation policies; report.

Bill Summary: The enrolled bill requires the Department of Corrections to establish and publicly post on its website and in the lobby of each state correctional facility an objective dress code for individuals visiting a state correctional facility and specifies certain requirements for and limitations on what such dress code may include. The bill prohibits any state correctional facility from enforcing a dress code that is more restrictive than the dress code posted by the Department. The bill also prohibits any individual from being denied in-person visitation unless such individual is in clear violation of visitation rules or policies. Prior to denying entry to a visitor, the bill requires the reasoning to be (i) reviewed in person by the facility administrative duty officer and (ii) approved by a regional administrator or superior. The bill requires the Department to submit a report annually on or before November 1 to the General Assembly and the Governor with information on visitors denied entry to state correctional facilities, including the following information disaggregated by facility and by month: (a) the number of visitors denied entry and (b) the reasoning for such denials, including the specific rules or policies such visitors were alleged to have violated. The 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:

The Department of Corrections does not expect this proposal to have a fiscal impact on agency operations.

Fiscal Analysis:

The Department of Corrections does not expect a fiscal impact as a result of this proposal. Any unforeseen costs are expected to be absorbable with existing resources.

Other: None