



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1509

PRINTER'S NO. 3742

PRIME SPONSOR: N. Nelson

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

Expands the membership of existing boards of inspectors for county jails and allows second class A counties to choose the board of inspector method of governing county prison facilities and transfers provisions of Act 47 of 2023 related to juvenile detention facilities to the Juvenile Act (Chapter 63 of Title 42).

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1509 amends Title 61 Section 1731(a) to allow county jail boards of inspectors to appoint two to four additional members to the board. These members must be residents of the county for which the board is established. The legislation also amends 1731(b) to allow second class A counties advanced before October 1, 2021, to choose the board of inspector method of governing county prison facilities.

The legislation also moves the provisions of Act 47 of 2023 related to juvenile detention facilities to the Juvenile Act (Chapter 63 of Title 42), provides definitions for "seclusion" and "exclusion," removes the explicit reference to restrictions on telephone usage or visitation as alternative forms of discipline, makes technical fixes to reporting requirements, and establishes a deadline for the Department of Human Services for their reporting and training programs related to pregnant or postpartum children.

The portion of the legislation that amends Title 61 would take effect in 60 days upon enactment. The remainder of the legislation shall take effect immediately upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no impact on commonwealth funds.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.