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Fiscal Note**

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 Proposed Amd.:  
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<b>Subject:</b> Mental Health Transition Pilot Program		<b>Analyst:</b> Daniel Druilhet

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 Provides relative to mental health of inmates

Proposed law creates the Mental Health Transition Pilot Program; provides eligible inmates with transition services in the community; requires any inmate participating to not be released before his earliest release date; requires the Department of Public Safety & Corrections (DPS&C) to administer the program and contract with private or nonprofit entities to provide and procure mental health transition services for eligible inmates; allows DPS&C to refer an inmate who has a mental health condition to be placed in the program; mandates that DPS&C place up to 500 eligible inmates in the program each fiscal year; mandates DPS&C adopt rules to implement provisions of the program; provides eligibility criteria for inmates participation; requires each inmate to receive services in the program for at least 90 days; requires eligible inmates to be offered healthcare services, case management, housing, psychiatric management, and drug testing; requires DPS&C to comply with law regarding awarding of contracts for program; requires DPS&C to conduct an annual study to determine recidivism rates of inmates (released from incarceration for no less than 2 years after release) receiving mental health transition services; requires DPS&C to evaluate each inmate and provide the information to the contracted entity; requires DPS&C to submit a written report to the Senate President, Speaker of the House, and the JLCB on or before December 31st of each year.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>

**Annual Total**

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will result in a significant, but indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS). However, to the extent the individuals in the program would be eligible and enrolled in Medicaid upon release, then a portion of these costs would be covered by Medicaid, which includes healthcare services, and psychiatric management services, and prescription drugs. If services are provided by Medicaid, a portion of the costs would be covered by Federal matching funds.

**Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services**

Proposed law will likely result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in the DPS&C-CS, to the extent that the agency incurs costs associated with case management, housing, drug testing, and transportation for those who participate in the Mental Health Transition Pilot Program. The projected budget for these services is as follows:

Position	Number	Salary	Total Salaries
Case Manager	5	x \$60,000	= \$300,000
Benefits (41.5%)			\$124,500
Total (Salaries & Benefits)			\$424,500

Service	Count	Unit Cost	Total
Urine Drug Screening	1000	x \$85	= \$85,000
Short Transportation	800	x \$25	= \$20,000
Long Transportation	200	x \$80	= \$16,000
RFP (Housing)*	1	x \$500,000	= \$500,000
			\$621,000


Total Positions and Services \$1,045,500

\* Note: DPS&C-CS projects that any emergency and transitional housing that would be provided procured via contracted services for seriously mentally ill inmates who are released would require a minimum RFP issued for \$500,000, but anticipates it to likely be higher.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	House
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

  
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