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**STATE**  
**FISCAL IMPACT**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 06-0218  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Mitchell  
 Rep. Butcher

**Date:** January 10, 2006  
**Bill Status:** Senate Judiciary  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING A REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS REGARDING THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES TO STATE INMATES THROUGH THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2006/2007	FY 2007/2008
<b>State Revenues</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
General Fund	\$50,000	
<b>FTE Position Change</b>	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE
<b>Effective Date:</b> 90 days following final adjournment of the General Assembly — August 9, 2006, if adjournment sine die is May 10, 2006		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2006/2007:</b>		
Department of Corrections	\$50,000	GF
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> None		

**Summary of Legislation**

This interim committee bill, recommended by the Health Care Task Force, requires the Department of Corrections to study the state's options for providing medical services to state inmates in correctional facilities through the use of telemedicine. On or before February 1, 2007, the department is required to report its findings to the Health and Human Services Committees of the General Assembly. The bill specifies what the report is required to address.

**State Expenditures**

The bill is assessed at having a fiscal impact of \$50,000 General Fund in FY 2006-07 only. Presently, the Department of Corrections does not have the expertise to fully evaluate the use of telemedicine to provide medical services to state inmates as mandated in the bill. The department will require contractual services from a medical consulting firm to perform the following tasks:

- inventory/evaluate current technology and determine the technological and training needs of the department to provide medical services through telemedicine;
- inventory current medical equipment and determine additional equipment needs;
- determine staffing requirements;
- identify universities and large medical and/or medical research facilities that would work with the department to incorporate telemedicine into its medical services;
- identify those correctional facilities where telemedicine could be used effectively;
- identify training needs and utilization procedures;
- estimate cost savings associated with providing medical services through telemedicine;
- estimate the impact on local economies should the department use telemedicine to provide medical services; and
- prepare the required report.

### **State Appropriations**

For FY 2006-07, the Department of Corrections will require an appropriation of \$50,000 General Fund.

### **Departments Contacted**

Corrections