



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1601

PRINTER'S NO. 2811

PRIME SPONSOR: Kinkead

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY:

Establishes the Identification Upon Reentry Program within the Department of Corrections, in collaboration with the Department of Health and the Department of Transportation.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1601, Printer's Number 2811 amends Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) by establishing the Identification Upon Reentry Program. The program requires the Department of Corrections, in collaboration with the Department of Health and the Department of Transportation, to provide eligible offenders with birth certificates, Social Security cards, photo identification cards, and driver's licenses, at no cost to the offender, upon release from a State Correctional Institution.

The legislation further requires the participating departments to develop monitoring and accountability systems to confirm that the program is being efficiently carried out. As part of this process, the departments are required to submit an annual report to the Law and Justice Committee of the Senate and the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives. The annual report will include the number and percentages of offenders released with birth certificates, photo identification cards, and driver's licenses and the number and percentage of offenders released without such documents and the reasons why.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Corrections currently provides and funds identification documents using the Inmate General Welfare Fund at a cost of \$490,000 annually. Assuming that the enactment of this legislation would not preclude this practice, this bill would have no impact on Commonwealth funds.

As an additional point of reference, the table below contains the amounts that the Department of Transportation charges to duplicate or replace personal documents.

Product	Cost
Photo ID	\$41.50
Photo ID Renewal	\$42.50
Driver's License	\$45.50
License Renewal	\$39.50

In addition, the Department of Health charges \$20 to replace a birth certificate. Online transactions include an additional \$10 for processing.

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