

FULL COMMITTEE PONY

**Department of Corrections
Prison Rape Elimination Act Grant**

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approving the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for up to \$500,000 for a Prison Rape Elimination Act Grant.

The federal Prison Rape Elimination Act was created in 2003 to eliminate sexual abuse in confinement. Federal rulemaking for the Act was completed in 2012. The Department requests authority to apply for a grant to prepare for required audits and to fund upgrades to the offender management system to track offenders, track incidents of abuse, and develop a screening tool.

The grant is effective for two years. Match for the grant is 50%, or up to \$500,000, which the Department would meet with in-kind work. No additional positions are required. If the grant is awarded, the Department will return to the legislature for one-time expenditure limitation.

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