

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **SB 5504**

#### **Department of Corrections**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Public Safety Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Evans

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SB 5504 is the budget bill for the Department of Corrections.

The Subcommittee approved a total funds budget of \$2.2 billion, with 4,813 positions and 4,749.53 FTE. Investments include \$20.3 million General Fund for the increased costs for food, fuels and utilities, and clothing and personal items; \$3 million General Fund for continued funding of habeas corpus cases; \$4.9 million General Fund to backfill loss of federal funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program; and \$5.9 million General Fund for the electronic health records project.

One-time General Fund of \$5.8 million is provided to backfill a portion of the mandated caseload reduction to Community Corrections from the April 2023 prison population forecast. This amount is intended to mitigate the loss of county personnel because of the reduced forecasted caseload.

\$8.7 million General Fund will allow the Department to operate a substance use disorder pilot program and establish two K-9 units, intended to help reduce drug issues in the prison system. \$16.9 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds are carried over to continue deferred maintenance and other approved projects.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends SB 5504 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.