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Bill Title: Relating to law enforcement operations; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Counties, Department of Corrections, Department of Justice

Summary of Fiscal Impact: Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - see explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

The measure allows all employees of the Department of Corrections (DOC) to coordinate with any federal immigration authority carrying out any action concerning an individual who has been convicted of a felony, as specified in the measure, or aggravated murder.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact to DOC is indeterminate for the 2025-27 and 2027-29 biennium.

Although the measure permits, rather than obligates, DOC to coordinate with federal immigration authorities under specified circumstances, the Legislative Fiscal Office issues an explanatory fiscal impact statement providing an analysis of the expenditures, revenues, staffing, and organizational effects of carrying out the work authorized by the measure.

Currently, DOC does not have any policies or procedures in place to coordinate with federal immigration officers. It is uncertain the level of coordination that would be requested by the measure and to what degree staff would be affected. By allowing the coordination of all DOC staff, DOC would need to evaluate, properly identify and train staff in order to be in compliance with the measure.

The exact level of coordination authorized by the measure is unclear. This could potentially include security clearance processing and escorting federal immigration officers, armed or unarmed, on any DOC premise; clarifying procedures to maintain safe and secure operations when jurisdictional issues may arise; determining how medical staff would handle requests to provide records relating to an individual adult in custody; how general records requests would be handled and the degree to which the legal representation would be required by the Department of Justice, and more. Because of these unknowns, the impact to DOC is indeterminate and dependent on the level of coordination requested and the amount of policy creation and staff training development required.

There is a minimal fiscal impact to the Department of Justice and no fiscal impact to counties.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2027.