
Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require, approximately six hours prior to the execution of a death sentence, that the person to be executed be asked to write a last statement if the person so chooses. The statement, if written, must be forwarded for transcribing and copying to the warden or deputy warden of the correction institution in which the death sentence is executed. After the execution is completed, the warden or deputy warden must furnish the statement to all persons present at the execution, including members of the news media.

The costs associated with the bill include the transcription, copying, and distribution of a written statement by the condemned to all persons present at the execution. These costs would result in an insignificant annual burden to the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. Given that, until recently no one had been executed in the state in many years, and the likelihood that the number of death row inmates that might be executed annually and choosing to write a statement in the future is likely to be small, the potential effect on GRF state expenditures will be negligible.

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