CORRECTIONS IMPACT STATEMENT

SESSION: 26RS BILL #: SB 251 Introduced BR #: 1675

BILL SPONSOR(S): Sen. S. West AMENDMENT SPONSOR(S):

TITLE: AN ACT relating to the Department of Corrections.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: Amend KRS 197.020 to establish that the Department of Corrections shall not be required to promulgate administrative regulations regarding the death penalty; establish that execution protocols and procedures may be prescribed by internal policy, memorandum, or another form of action; amend KRS 13A.105 to conform; make technical corrections.

AMENDMENT:

This ☒ bill ☐ amendment ☐ committee substitute is expected to:

☒ **Have the following Corrections impact**	☐ **Have no Corrections impact.**
☐Creates new crime(s)	☐Repeals existing crime(s)
☐Increases penalty for existing crime(s)	☐Decreases penalty for existing crime(s)
☐Increases incarceration	☐Decreases incarceration.
☐Reduces inmate/offender services	☐Increases inmate/offender services.
☐Increases staff time or positions	☒Reduces staff time or positions.
☐Changes elements of the offense for existing crime(s)	
☐Otherwise impacts incarceration (Explain):	

STATE IMPACT: Class A, B, & C felonies are based on an average daily prison rate of $116.41. Community Custody Class C and most Class D felons are housed in one of seventy-four (74) full-service or regional jails for up to five (5) years. Department of Corrections cost to incarcerate a felony inmate in jail is $46.51 per day, which includes $35.34 per diem, medical costs, and central office administrative costs (substance abuse treatment not included).*

Projected Impact: ☒ NONE ☐ MINIMAL to MODERATE (< $1 million) ☐ SIGNIFICANT (> $1 million)

This legislation would have no fiscal impact on operational costs at the state level.

LOCAL IMPACT: Local governments are responsible for the cost of incarcerating individuals charged with Class A or B misdemeanors and felony defendants until the disposition of the case. The estimated impact will be based on the $46.51 cost to incarcerate for the Department of Corrections, including $35.34 per diem and medical that DOC pays jails to house felony offenders. This cost to incarcerate may not be the actual housing cost for the jail.*

Projected Impact: ☒ NONE ☐ MINIMAL to MODERATE (< $1 million) ☐ SIGNIFICANT (> $1 million)

This legislation would have no fiscal impact on operational costs at the local level.

PROJECTED IMPACT FROM AMENDMENTS: ☐ NONE ☐ MINIMAL to MODERATE (< $1 million) ☐ SIGNIFICANT (> $1 million)

**All projections are based on the daily rate x 365 days x number of years. The cost to incarcerate as calculated by the Department is shown here as rounded to the hundredths. Offenders may have multiple offenses or be incarcerated on other charges unless otherwise noted. Unless otherwise noted, numbers will include inchoate offenses at the underlying offense level.*

The following offices contributed to this Corrections Impact Statement:

☒ Dept. of Corrections ☐ Dept. of Kentucky State Police ☐ Administrative Office of the Courts ☐ Parole Board ☐ Other

NOTE: *Consideration should be given to the cumulative impact of all bills that increase the felon population, lengthen the term of incarceration, or impose new obligations on state or local governments.*

APPROVED BY: _____ **3/23/2026**

Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Corrections Date