



BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 917

Sponsor: Senator Jack Welborn

Committee: Criminal Justice and Urban Affairs

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SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 917 as introduced 4-5-90:

The bill would amend the Department of Corrections (DOC) law to prohibit the DOC from providing to prisoners health, dental, or optical care benefits in excess of the level of those benefits provided to full-time DOC employees. If the provision of health, dental, or optical care benefits to a prisoner would require a deductible or co-pay amount, the prisoner could not be required to pay that amount if the DOC determined that the prisoner was indigent. The DOC would have to pay for a prisoner's elective surgery "in the same manner and under the same circumstances" as the Department would pay for a DOC employee's elective surgery.

Proposed MCL 791.268

Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

Fiscal information is not available at this time. The Department of Corrections is in the process of collecting information regarding medical, dental and optical care benefits and costs for full-time departmental employees.

The departmental employee data are required for purposes of comparison with prisoner health care costs to complete the fiscal impact statement.

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