

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[Second Reprint]

SENATE, No. 3839

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: JULY 5, 2023

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires Commissioner of Corrections to institute 10-minute shift overlap in State correctional facilities; appropriates \$13 million.
- Type of Impact:** State expenditure increase to the General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Corrections

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	
State Cost Increase	\$13,000,000

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that this bill will result in a \$13 million State expenditure increase. The bill establishes a 10-minute shift overlap in each of the 11 correctional facilities in the State for the purpose of information dissemination between correctional police officers, sergeants, and lieutenants beginning and ending their shifts, and appropriates \$13 million to the Department of Corrections for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this bill.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the Commissioner of Corrections to institute a 10-minute shift overlap in each of the 11 correctional facilities in this State for the purpose of information dissemination between correctional police officers, sergeants, and lieutenants beginning and ending their shifts, and appropriates \$13,000,000 to the Department of Corrections for this purpose.

The bill establishes a shift overlap in order to enhance the safety and well-being of the officers and inmates in correctional facilities by allowing for the sharing of information between incoming and outgoing officers, particularly on issues such as gang activities and contraband. Under the bill, a correctional police officer, sergeant, or lieutenant whose shift has ended would be required to remain for 10 minutes after the end of the shift to report what happened during that shift to the incoming officer. The bill appropriates \$13,000,000 to the



Department of Corrections, which is to be distributed to Department of Corrections correctional police officers, sergeants, and lieutenants, subject to the terms of a collective negotiation or collective bargaining agreement.

According to the Assembly Prison Gang Violence Task Force final report, issued December 12, 2006, the Department of Corrections historically provided for shift overlap periods of up to 30 minutes, but gradually reduced these periods until they were ultimately phased out altogether due to budget constraints.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).